

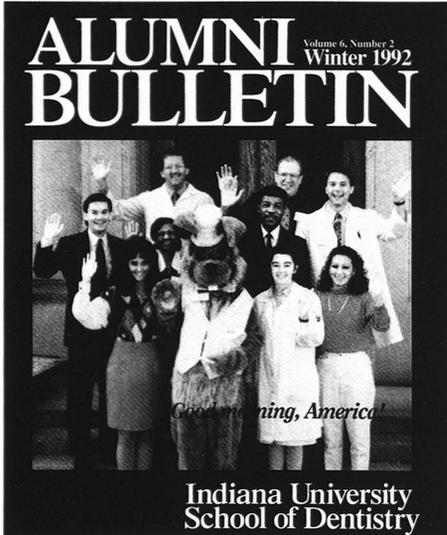
# ALUMNI BULLETIN

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*Good morning, America!*

Indiana University  
School of Dentistry



### On the Cover

*A shout that rang out on the IUPUI campus in September will be heard throughout the country on May 20, 1992, when representatives from the IU School of Dentistry will make a brief taped appearance on ABC's Good Morning America. Danny R. Dean, IU director of development for dentistry, came up with the idea of having faculty, staff, students, and alumni bid America a hearty "Good Morning" on the national news program as part of festivities for the 49th Annual Fall Dental Conference. Helping the group get into the spirit of the moment was dentistry's new mascot, "Ben Bicuspid."*

*Participants are (clockwise from mascot) Dr. Hala Henderson, associate dean for student affairs; Michelle Lecklitner, 4th-yr dental student; Danny Dean; Paul Neu, dental laboratory technologist; Dr. Norris Richmond, professor of operative dentistry; Dr. Richard Ellsworth (behind Richmond), then president of the IUSD Alumni Association, of Lafayette; Steven Schimmele, 4th-yr dental student; Zoya Roberts, radiograph technician; and Susan Chapel, 2nd-yr dental hygiene student.*

*Full coverage of the fall conference, held September 19-21, begins on page 2. (Photo by Mike Halloran)*



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# Notes from the Dean's Desk

*There are many reasons why Indiana University School of Dentistry maintains a position of leadership in dental education, not the least of which is the support it receives from the Indiana Dental Association through the Pursuit of Excellence Program. At the close of 1991, a report describing this invaluable program was drafted with help from Dr. Lloyd J. Phillips, chair of the IDA Endowment Committee, and sent to all IDA members. We believe that its message warrants repeating in this column. For those of you who are already backing this program, the report details ways in which your generous contributions are put to use daily at IUSD. For those of you who have yet to participate, we hope the report will help you gain a clearer idea of the goals behind the Pursuit of Excellence, and will help you decide to join us.*

Many futurists focus on the tremendous advances in technology being produced by research and industry from all corners of the world. Mankind has benefited from technology that continually provides more choices to enhance the quality of life.

Along with these advancements, shifts in disease patterns have presented challenges for the dental profession—decidedly more than in other fields of health care. The state of Indiana is well regarded for its top quality dental practices, for its reputation as a pioneer of preventive measures in dentistry, and for its outstanding dental school. To continue to meet the challenges before us, we must effectively transfer scientific facts from the researchers “in the lab” to the dental professionals “in the field.” In doing so, further research and intensive continuing education *must* be priorities for dentists in this decade.

The Pursuit of Excellence Fund for Indiana University School of Den-

tistry has been a player in analyzing new vistas of dental treatment by utilizing state-of-the-art research methods. Some money from this fund has helped to establish a network of scientific teams to study molecular biology, the basic reactions of bone, and the design of biomaterials. Data produced in the last three years already have broadened the use of implants and have supported surgical and nutritional concepts related to bone or osseous products. Research teams have the capability of producing a synthetic temporomandibular joint and other body replacements that were only imagined last year. This is how quickly the scientific base of health care is advancing.

The unique Pursuit of Excellence Program supports and enhances faculty development through money spent on

***“The Pursuit of Excellence Fund has helped to establish a network of scientific teams to study molecular biology, the basic reactions of bone, and the design of biomaterials.”***

special equipment or rewards for outstanding accomplishments over and above normal job responsibilities and duties. In this way it solidly supports the needs of the growing dental populations. Each year, more people are retaining more of their natural teeth and are thereby seeking additional dental treatment; it is predicted the number of patients will continue to increase. Tooth and appliance replacements, treatment for root caries, and extensive restorations will be needed by the aging. The “baby boomers” are seeking preventive and orthodontic care for their children and themselves. Advanced periodontal care is now the standard for general practice. All these components are coming together at a time when the ratio

of dentists to population is decreasing. Will this situation not create greater challenges for the dental team and the need for excellence in research, investigation and teaching?

The manpower shortage in the auxiliaries continues to grow and is likely to become acute. The dental hygienist is slated to undertake new duties in patient care, even moving into diagnostic testing which will open up new opportunities in medical practices. Salivary testing for HIV and periodontal disease has been approved by the FDA, and clinical studies are being organized. Meanwhile, a shorter educational program to train dental hygienists is being considered. With numerous new care parameters moving into oral health services, there will be more to manage for the dental team.

The Pursuit of Excellence Fund is directed by select leaders of the Indiana Dental Association and Indiana University School of Dentistry. Contributions are used primarily for enhancement of faculty with monetary incentives for exceptional performance and also for supporting research that expands oral health care services. In joining Pursuit of Excellence you are building a sound investment for dental practice.

*H. William Gilmore*

Pursuit of Excellence: *Dean's Council* (pledge of \$5,000, or \$1,000 per year for 5 years); *Patron Members* (pledge of \$2,500-4,999, or \$500-999.80 for 5 years); *Supporting Members* (no minimum gift). Checks payable to Indiana University Foundation should be sent to Development Office, Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

# Grads Gather in Indy

(Identifications within photos left to right)

- 1**  
Cousins Alva Miller ('56) and Jim Hurst ('61)
- 2**  
Ken Hyde ('75), Ted ('63) and Constance Fullhart, Bob Mattern ('58), Scott McDonald ('75)
- 3**  
Randy Kixmiller ('71) with Elaine and Paul ('71) Roebke
- 4**  
Class of '81: Mark Hinman, Kevin Hogan, and Jess Holler with wife, Cindy
- 5**  
"Buck" Buchanan ('51)
- 6**  
Barbara Dean (DH '77) and dad, Ralph McDonald ('44)
- 7**  
Steve Beeker ('66)
- 8**  
Bea ("College Inn") Gordon and Maynard Hine
- 9**  
Ben Bicuspid with "buddy" Donald Johnson ('56)
- 10**  
Jo Ann Hermon (DH '76), Carla Totten (DH '55), Nicole (Thayer) Albers (DH '90)
- 11**  
Susan and Randall ('69) Long with Hala Henderson ('70)
- 12**  
Charles ('49) and Treva Gish
- 13**  
The Ray ('75) Maddoxes
- 14**  
Cullen Athey ('68) and Bill Ditto ('61)



- 15**  
Saundra and Richard ('63) Gore
- 16**  
Randy Woolbright ('84) with Laura and Mark ('84) Stetzel
- 17**  
Jim Gordon ('81)
- 18**  
Chris Gartner ('81)
- 19**  
Jennifer Rayman (DH '88)
- 20**  
Ralph ('58) and Margie Wyand
- 21**  
Gail Williamson (MS '82)
- 22**  
Harvey ('52) and Pennie Thomas (seated) with Adele and Gale Coons
- 23**  
Father and son: Norm ('66) and Tim ('89) Krauss
- 24**  
Ida and Carl ('66) Andres
- 25**  
Sue and Jack ('61) Mollenkopf, Norma Watts, Nancy Darrow
- 26**  
John Wells ('66) and John Roshel ('66)
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Don Lintzenich ('67), Richard Weinzapfel ('66)
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A Handsome Face in the Crowd (Does someone know his name?)

Conference photos by Mike Halloran and Susan Crum

# Conference participants try Indianapolis on for size during three days of fun in the fall

**F**rom an elegant ballroom in the heart of downtown to a ribbon of country road winding through the deepest recesses of Eagle Creek Park, 1991's sprawling IUSD Fall Dental Conference tapped into many of Indy's best resources to show reunion gatherers a good time, September 19-21.

Renovations to the Union Building in Bloomington, where the dental conference has always been held, made it necessary for planners to move the 49th dental reunion to the Indianapolis campus. The University Place Conference Center and Hotel served as the focal point for a fast-paced reunion that offered participants the usual bountiful selection of tours, continuing education programs, tennis, golfing, biking, shopping, dining, and much more.

A special bonus of the new location was being able to combine conference activities with the IUSD dental hygiene alumni, whose reunions are always held in Indianapolis.

Best of all, the halls of the dental school reverberated with the voices and the footsteps of many of its alumni, who ventured over to the school to look up former teachers and favorite staff members and to catch up on all of the changes taking place at their alma mater. Continuing education clinics coordinated by Dr. Donald E. Arens and sponsored by each dental school division drew a large crowd of alumni on Friday morning.

Friday night's dazzling banquet, awards program, and dance took place under the "stars" at the spectacular Indiana Roof Ballroom.

By tradition the conference ends with a Hoosier football game in Bloomington, and 1991's participants

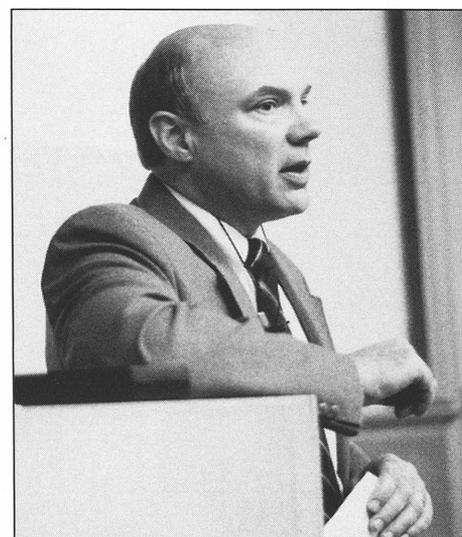


**Lovely Lilly House.** Alumni spouses pause on a beautiful spiral staircase during a tour of Lilly House, which was a gift to IU from Eli Lilly, grandson of the founder of the pharmaceutical company. Built in 1930 and given to IU in 1971, the house is used by IU President Thomas Ehrlich and his wife, Ellen, to entertain University visitors and to house distinguished guests and teachers visiting the Indianapolis campus. Left row (front to back): Sue Ewbank, Sherri Guido, Peg Llewellyn; middle row: Mary Helen Raibley, Shirley Ellsworth, Bonnie Smith, Constance Fullhart, Pat Hurst; right row: Paula Stahl, Julie Johnson (ASDH '79), Sandra Sheller, Betty Miller, and Brenda Raibley.

didn't let a little thing like partying in a different city get in the way of tradition. On Saturday two bus loads of dental alumni and their families rolled out of Indy and pulled into Bloomington in plenty of time for these devoted fans to cheer the Hoosiers to a 13-10 victory over Kentucky.

Thanks is extended to all employees of the IU Alumni Association's Indianapolis office, under the leadership of director Janet C. Shirley, for coordinating a unique and exciting conference. A special note of appreciation goes to Katie Stowell, assistant director, who meets with various representatives from dentistry throughout the year in preparation for this annual event.

Presiding over 1990-91 activities were IUSD Alumni Association officers Dr. Richard D. Ellsworth, president; Dr. Bruce D. Raibley, president-elect; Dr. John A. Rahe, vice president; and Karen M. Yoder, secretary/treasurer.



**Dental Hygiene Honor Society Sponsors C.E. Program.** At the invitation of Sigma Phi Alpha, Dr. Jack Schaaf presented a course titled "Pharmacology for the Dentist and Dental Hygienist." He is an IU associate professor of dental diagnostic sciences and director of the special care clinic.



*Gerald L. Bepko (left), IU vice president and chancellor (Indianapolis) and his wife, Jean, hosted a reception for the dental alumni at Cedar Crest, another home given to the University by Eli Lilly. Here Chancellor Bepko visits with Dr. Richard Ellsworth, IUSD alumni president, and his wife, Shirley; dental dean Dr. H. William Gilmore and his wife, Katie. Located next door to Lilly House, Cedar Crest has been used by the University to house chancellors on the Indianapolis campus since 1977. Mr. Bepko is the third chancellor to reside there.*



**Faces from the Past: Hal Says 'Hi' to Sandy and Ted.** *Dr. Hal Laswell ('61), left, head of patient care at the University of Kentucky, found lots of familiar faces on his trip to the school, including those belonging to Sandra Manion, a continuing education staff member who celebrated her 30th year at the school in 1991; and Dr. Ted Parks, an IU grad student in dental diagnostic sciences who earned his dental degree at UK.*

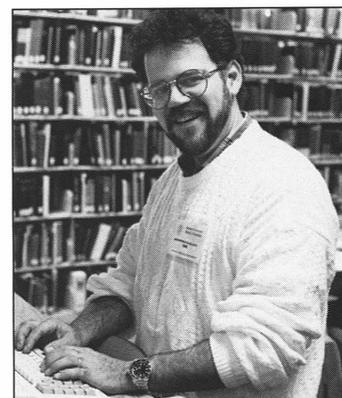
**Dad Catches Up with Daughter at Reunion.** *Dr. Lisa Hall ('88), a part-time teacher in operative dentistry, "takes five" in a school laboratory with her father (second from left), visiting alumnus Dr. David Sawyer ('61), of Danville, Illinois; his classmate, Dr. Bill Watts (right), of Columbus, Indiana; and Lisa's IUSD colleague, Dr. George Willis ('79).*



**Good Buddies.** *Naples, Florida, dentist Dr. Frank Szot ('66) drops in to see former classmate, Dr. Sybil Niemann, director of IU's Dental Auxiliary Education program.*



*Jean Bepko (standing) welcomes Joanna Bollinger and Eleanor Campbell to the reception at Cedar Crest.*



**No More Thumbing through the Card Catalog.** *Dr. John Click ('86), of New Albany, experiments with the dental library's computerized card catalog. The system was fully automated a few years after Dr. Click graduated.*

# Award Recipients 1991

## Edward L. Fritz (DDS '57) Distinguished Alumnus

**BIO:** Active duty in U.S. Army Dental Corps for 2 years after graduation; private practice general dentist in Evansville for 32 years; BS degree in accounting ('75) and an MBA ('78) from University of Evansville; dental practice management lecturer; former president of the American Association of Dental Examiners and the First District Dental Society; IDA trustee; Sagamore of the Wabash; CEO, president, and chair of the board of Health Resources Inc., a company (owned by 200 southwestern Indiana dentists) that markets prepaid dental insurance plans.

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** IU School of Dentistry is held in respect by organized dentistry, by its sister institutions of education, and by the community of dental examiners. This respect radiates from excellence in teaching, research,



Edward L. Fritz

and special dental care services at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Graduates have made enormous contributions to the welfare of the public through professionalism and excellence in the delivery of dental services, community involvement, and leadership of the profession. To have received a diploma from IU, to have attained dental school alumnus status, is a continuing source of great pride. As alumni we bask in the accomplishments of our school.

At the time of my graduation (more years ago than should be admitted) I never could have imagined someday receiving the high honor of Distinguished Alumnus. ("Extin-

guished" was far more probable.) What would Drs. Drexel Boyd, John F. Johnston, "Bull" Hughes, Ronald Ping, and Donald Cunningham have thought? These giants of the profession probably expected that I would need 34+ years simply to complete my dental school requirements!

I am thankful to the IUSD faculty and administration for their dedication to the education process. Certainly I presented them with the ultimate challenge, and I am grateful for their perseverance.

Thank you—the officers, directors, and members of the Alumni Association—for your gracious bestowal of this great recognition. In the words of a recent pop song, you have truly given me "One Moment in Time."

## Sally S. Sturgeon (DDS '76) Distinguished Alumnus

**BIO:** General practitioner in Bloomington since graduation; first woman to serve on the Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners (including term as president); team dentist for IU Women's Athletic Department; authority on mouth injuries and mouth protectors; initiated mouthguard program for women athletes; charter member of the national Academy for Sports Dentistry; referral dentist for the Olympic Committee; member, Indiana Controlled Substance Advisory Committee.

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** This is a special 15th anniversary year for my IUSD graduating class. I think my peers and I are just now entering that phase of our careers when we are beginning to understand the broad spectrum of practicing dentistry, to develop a real concern for our profession, and to appreciate our educational roots at IU. At least that has been the case for me.

As IUSD alumni (of any age) we have the energy that needs to be directed to help meet the challenges of the future for the dental school. We can help to ensure that IUSD continues to provide one of the best dental educations in the world, and support the importance of it being an internationally renowned research institution. We can help recruit



Sally S. Sturgeon

the most capable individuals into our school and our profession. And lastly, we need to support and guide our younger colleagues—first as they matriculate, and then as they go out into society—to contribute their best, both personally and professionally, to make this world a better place.

It is in that spirit that I graciously accept this award—not because of what I've done or been, but because of the challenge it represents to me.

I would sincerely like to thank the IUSD Alumni Association officers and directors. This is truly a special honor.

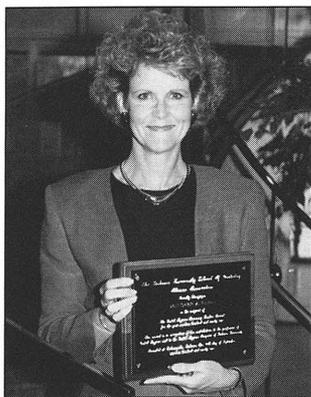
## Jennifer A. Klein Honorary Alumnus (Dental Hygiene)

**BIO:** Assistant professor of dental hygiene at IU-South Bend; BS degree in dental hygiene from University of Washington and MS in administration from University of Notre Dame; former dental auxiliary in private practice and dental public health settings; authority on tobacco use cessation and member of IUSD team that produces educational materials and conducts smoking cessation programs for dental offices; American Cancer Society volunteer trainer for quit-smoking program directed at low-income pregnant smokers.

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** It is an honor to have been selected to receive this honorary award from the IUSD Alumni Association. It was especially meaningful to be honored this year, when for the first time dental hygienists and dentists combined their activities

and held the annual fall conference in Indianapolis.

Since joining the faculty at South Bend in 1980, I have been fortunate to become acquainted with many colleagues at the IUPUI campus who have influenced the direction of my scholarly activities and supported my interests in dental hygiene education. I have always felt that a very open and direct line of communication has existed between South Bend and IUSD. Whether I was calling Chris Miller (oral microbiology chair) with a question on infection control, sharing ideas of common interest with Karen Yoder (a teacher at IUPUI and IU-PU Fort Wayne), or collaborating with Arden Christen (preventive and community dentistry chair) on smoking cessation issues, I have always felt a sense of belonging and acceptance by



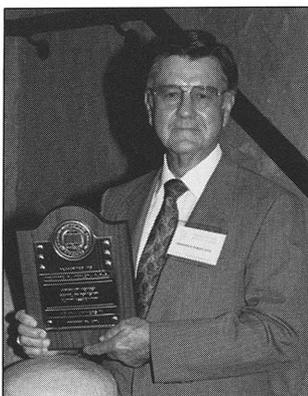
**Jennifer A. Klein**

faculty and staff within the school. The same atmosphere exists within my own department at South Bend. This is the kind of setting an educator dreams of. I hope to see communication channels kept open between dental hygiene and dentistry, with mutual respect for the two professions existing in the way I have experienced it.

Singing "Hail to Old IU" will take on a new meaning for me at commencement this spring. Thank you for recognizing me with this award. I look forward to continued growth and exchange within the IU community, and greatly appreciate your confidence in me.

## **Theodore R. Hunley Honorary Alumnus (Dentistry)**

**BIO:** *International authority in operative dentistry, now retired from U.S. Navy Dental Corps and living in Spencer, Indiana; former chair of operative dentistry at Naval Guards Dental School, Bethesda, Md., and commanding officer of the 4th Marine Dental Co. and Naval Dental Clinic in Newport, RI; wrote, directed, and appeared in a*



**Theodore R. Hunley**

*training film on operative dentistry, which won honors from the Cannes International Film Festival for its closeup intraoral cinemaphotography; wrote correspondence course, "Advanced Speeds in Restorative Dentistry," used by all five of the Federal Dental Services; former chair of oral diagnosis and treatment planning at Georgetown University and professor of operative dentistry at IU; awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Oakland City College, Ind., in 1980.*

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** WOW! Surprised? Oh, yes! Surely the committee did not do an in-depth investigation! I graduated from the Saint Louis University School of Dentistry and that school closed in 1970. I taught at the Georgetown University School of Dentistry and that school closed in 1990. With that record, I thought Dean H. William Gilmore had told me to stay away from IU's School of Dentistry!

WOW! Flattered? Honored? Oh, yes, and then some! The Man Upstairs has been very good to this Oakland City farm boy. I have been blessed to have had great motivating teachers forcing me to do more than I would have done on my own. Dentistry has been good to and for me and my family.

At the three schools where I have

been privileged to try to teach I have always thought of the students and treated them as professionals. They have rewarded me most graciously. Performing restorative dentistry with the students as a clinical teacher at IU was genuinely fun. I shall always be grateful!

Thank you most sincerely. God bless.

## **Robert N. Modlin (DDS '59) Distinguished Service**

**BIO:** *Commissioned in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corp Dental Program after graduation; served 3 years active duty as a captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps (based in Germany); general dentist in West Lafayette; former member of the IUSD Alumni Association Board of Directors; president of IUSD Alumni Association 1987-88; instrumental in increasing attendance at fall dental conferences and affecting changes to improve format of the conferences at the request of alumni.*

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** It is with great pleasure that I receive this award. Working with very capable dental colleagues and alumni office personnel in identifying our organizational problems was a high priority. The commitment we all made to the suggested solutions was gratifying. The ultimate successes are evidenced by our continued increasing enrollment and interest in our Fall Dental Conference. I was happy to be a part of all of that in small token for all that my University has given me.

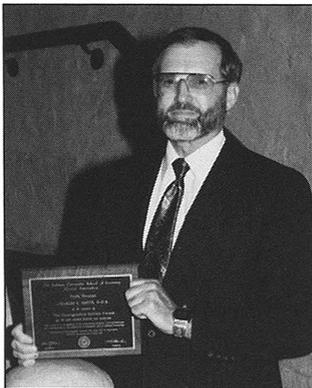


**Robert N. Modlin**

## Charles E. Smith (DDS '61) Distinguished Service

**BIO:** *Began career in the U.S. Public Health Service (on Colville Indian Reservation); master's degree in public health from University of Michigan; longtime associate director of Division of Dental Health for Indiana State Board of Health (appointed director in 1990); executive director of Indiana Public Health Dentists organization; state chair of National Children's Dental Health Month; former teacher in IU's pediatric dentistry department (now associate professor of preventive and community dentistry); former president of the IUSD Alumni Association; instrumental in development of grant-funded school fluoridation programs, institutional dental health programs, and dental health educational programs.*

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** In 1961 my classmates and I received the necessary credentials to call ourselves dentists. I remember the excitement (and the heat) of the day as IUSD presented us our diplomas in the old IU football stadium.



Charles E. Smith

Excitement and anticipation were high and natural—we had plans! The world was waiting for the dental service we were ready to give. In addition, we felt free at last from the school's rigorous academic demands. Never again would we need to fear the words of encouragement from distinguished faculty such as Drexell Boyd, John F. Johnson, Joseph Muhler and others. At that moment we had no idea the next 30 years as IUSD alumni would bind us closer to the school than we had ever been during the four short years it took to make us dentists.

Time has tested us, and our success has been dependent on our prepara-

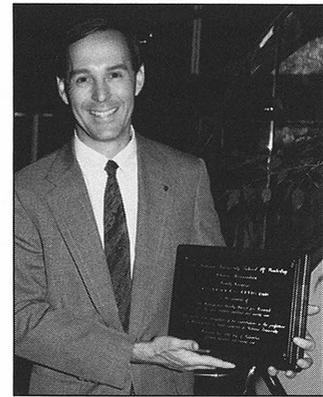
tion to meet these 30 years. We were certainly tested in 1961 to assure that we were ready to join our colleagues. But the true test of our professional worthiness—service—would take many years.

What does all this have to do with Chuck Smith receiving this Service Award? Everything, for dentistry exists not for us but for the oral health service we provide. No graduate sets out to receive such an honor; that would be premeditated presumption. Nor can anyone do so on his or her own. Each of us, however, has an opportunity to apply the sum of our training, professional associations, friendships, and family support as we dedicate ourselves to dental service. To be able to do this for IUSD, the Alumni Association, the Indiana Dental Association and the public we serve is reward enough. Many have done what I have done and will not receive this recognition. I accept this recognition with thanks, knowing how truly fortunate I have been to have the support needed to be considered.

My mentors and classmates know who they are and I thank them. My wife, Myrna, I thank as she has provided family, home and the stability in good and bad times to let me continue these enjoyable years. I trust there will be many more beyond these 30 to continue the tradition of service found in the IUSD Alumni Association.

## Lawrence P. Garetto Distinguished Faculty Award for Research

**BIO:** *IU assistant professor of orthodontics (School of Dentistry) and of physiology and biophysics (School of Medicine), and director of the IUSD Bone Research Laboratory; PhD degree in physiology from Boston University; 4-year postdoctoral fellowship in biological chemistry (studying enzyme regulation by calcium and protein phosphorylation) at University of California, Davis, School of Medicine before appointment at IU; awarded Gianinni Foundation Medical Research and National Institutes of Health fellowships while at Davis; currently a co-investigator on NASA and National Institute of Dental Research grants investigating both osteoblast histogenesis and bone/implant interactions.*



Lawrence P. Garetto

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** I accept this award with great pleasure. It is very special to me to know that I have been selected for this honor by my colleagues at IUSD.

The move that my wife and I made to Indiana from northern California three years ago was an important one in my scientific career. At Indiana I have been able to conduct research that has both biological significance and clinical application in an area not far removed from my basic science background in physiology and biochemistry. The move to Indiana also has allowed me to interact with some wonderful people at the schools of dentistry, medicine, and engineering and technology on the IUPUI campus. In particular, I would like to thank Dr. Gene Roberts and my other colleagues in the Department of Orthodontics.

Research is an important academic duty of the school's faculty. If we expect to keep our students on the "cutting edge" of the profession, we must first be there ourselves! The quality of research that we turn out directly relates to the quality of student that we graduate—and our ability to attract quality students *to begin with* depends upon the recognition that we receive within the academic and professional communities.

High caliber students are an integral part of any university's formula for excellence because they continually challenge and question their mentors, thereby assuring that we instructors and advisers keep abreast of new practices and trends in our own fields. As a result, we find that recent discoveries and novel theories subsequently generate new ideas for us to test. Thus, as this scientific search for new information comes full circle, the investigative envi-

ronment is renewed and enhanced.

To the alumni, I wish to say thank you for your past support of our dental school and its research program—I appeal to you to continue your support. Thank you for honoring me with this award.

### **Christianne J. Guba (DDS '80) Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching**

**BIO:** *IU assistant professor of preventive and community dentistry and director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program; MSD degree in operative dentistry from IU in 1990; lecturer and author on topic of smoking cessation; certified as a facilitator for the American Cancer Society Smoking Cessation programs; facilitated IUPUI's Quit Smoking Workshop in 1989.*

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** When the certified letter arrived, notifying me of my nomination as the recipient of this



*Christianne J. Guba*

award, I had to re-read the letter three times before the information sunk in! First I thought there had been an error; then I couldn't believe it; and then I felt extremely honored to have been so chosen.

Having been on the IUSD faculty for 4 1/2 years, I have had the opportunity to teach a number of different subjects, both with predoctoral and postgraduate students. Perhaps my biggest thrill and challenge came when Dean Gilmore asked me to design, implement and direct a new graduate program in general dentistry. In addition, I was asked to attempt to obtain federal grant support to kick off the new program. With the help and support of

the Dean and many faculty I was able to obtain a \$329,000 grant and design a new training program called "Advanced Education in General Dentistry." This program emphasizes comprehensive patient care, practice management, and coordination of patient care with dental and other medical specialists. For the last two years I have had the pleasure of seeing new graduates grow and mature in their ability to care for their patients, and acquire additional skills and judgment which they can then take to the public that they are licensed to serve.

Teaching at the dental school has given me the opportunity to grow as well. The adage "see one, do one, teach one" is very true. I have learned many skills, both technical and interpersonal, while working with IUSD students. They have taught me a lot about caring and excellence and commitment to oneself, one's profession and one's patients. I wish to thank the IUSD Alumni Association once again for this most special honor, and I will continue to strive to perform at a level that is worthy of it.

### **Charles J. Palenik (MS '74) Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching**

**BIO:** *IU teacher of oral microbiology since 1972 (promoted to professor in 1991); director of Human Health and Safety, IUSD's newest division which was formed to address increasing concerns about infection control; chairs IUPUI's Laboratory Safety Committee; one of 8 national directors of the Association for Practitioners in Infection Control; co-editor of Dental Asepsis Review, a newsletter for dentists who are registered with the school's sterilization monitoring service (assisting about 1,500 dentists in Indiana and elsewhere).*

**PERSONAL REMARKS:** It is indeed an honor to have been selected by the IUSD Alumni Association for this award. I am deeply flattered to have received such recognition from this group of individuals, many of whom I am privileged to have helped train.

Since the advent of the AIDS epidemic, my teaching "job description" has changed radically. I continue to instruct pre- and postdoctoral students in oral microbiology, but the last five years have seen my rapidly growing involve-

ment in the continuing education of practicing dental professionals. This is especially valid concerning infection control issues and hazardous materials management. I am fortunate to have been asked by dental groups to speak on these and related topics. Such conferences are intensive and effective ways to share information. However, there is always a limit to the number of individuals who can attend.

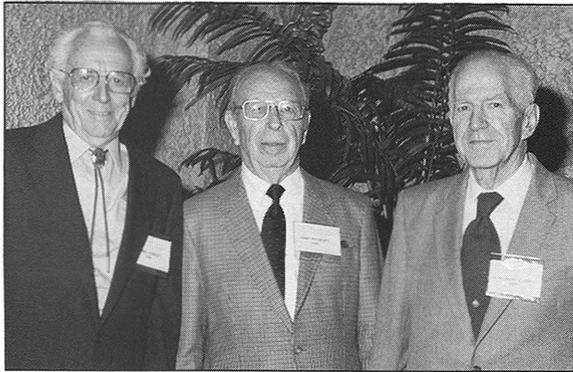


*Charles J. Palenik*

One way to reach more practitioners is through the publication of manuscripts and monographs. I feel that all individuals involved with the practice of dentistry and/or dental education have an obligation to publish their research, critical reviews and insights in journals that are readily accessible to their practitioner audiences. I have been fortunate in that my many efforts have been considered worthy for publication in the *Journal of the Indiana Dental Association* and the *IUSD Alumni Bulletin*. A third mode for practitioner education is by mail or telephone. I feel strongly that the school has a responsibility to serve as a source of information. I hope that dental practitioners would not hesitate to contact any faculty or staff member to discuss a matter of inquiry or concern. I have found such one-on-one contacts to be both interesting and personally rewarding.

Years ago, a college professor told me that a good teacher must also be a good host. A teacher must be a person who creates and sustains an environment conducive to learning. I hope that all alumni will continue to look upon their school as an important place for the sharing of knowledge.

# Reunion Photos (all photo identifications left to right)



**DDS CLASS OF '36.** Frank Loscot, Chester Rycroft, Ray Wurtz



**DDS CLASS OF '41.** Willard Damm and Bill King



**DDS CLASS OF '46.** Malcolm Boone and Glenn Bollinger

**DDS CLASS OF '56.** John Ames, Donald Johnson, George Batcho, James Hall, Gerald Glass, Alva Miller



**Thank You Class of '61**  
 Congratulations to members of the Class of 1961, who are the winners of the 1991 Reunion Class Challenge, a dental school fund-raising event held for the first time in conjunction with the Fall Dental Conference. The Class of '61 is recognized for contributing the most money and also for being the group with the most individual donors. In appreciation, contributing members are entitled to enroll in a tuition-waved, IUSD-sponsored continuing education course during the 1991-92 academic year.



**DDS CLASS OF '61.** Back: Charles Smith, Bill Scheerer, Tom Kroczek, James Hurst, Donald Greiner, Gar Hagman, David Sawyer, John Newlin, Hal Laswell, Cliff Maesaka, Marvin Smith, Jim Platt, George Stookey. Front: Jack Mollenkopf, Ralph Wyand, Don Derrow, James Jerger, Tom Graffis, Ed Laskowski, Bill Watts.



**DDS CLASS OF '66.** Carl Andres, David Avery, Steve Beeker, Edward Clausen, Don Scroggins, Dick Martin, Thomas Dunn (in front of David Jarrell), Frank Szot, Skip Smith (in front of Lloyd Hagedorn), Joe Scales (in front of Don Lintzenich), John Oehler



**ASDH CLASS OF '66.** Back: Marian Shafer, Sylvia (Smith) Detchon, Connie (Nicholson) Slyby, Kathryn Hook, Susan (Rauschke) Clausen, Carol Poe, Joyce Willis, Jean (Brumbach) Banet. Front: Mary (Kochert) Golightly, Kathy (Burks) Roll, Jeri Scot Wakefield, Lillian Montz Koleszar

**Class reunion  
photos by  
Chadon  
Photographers**

## More Class Pics



**DDS CLASS OF '76.** Paul "Chip" Werry, Charles Nelson, Gary Hinz, Darlene Vaughn, James Nicholson (in front of Terry McCooe), Kerry Schamerloh, J.B. Carr, John Meier, Robert Kelly, Sally Sturgeon, Gordon Green, Gary Bardonner



**DDS CLASS OF '81.** Jess Holler, Craig Fitch, Kevin Hogan, Steven Patterson, Chris Gartner, Kevin Hinman



**ASDH CLASS OF '86.** Mary Rehmel and Donna Korby

# Get Set for a Nifty Fifty



*The Association's past presidents will soon be setting a place for Richard Ellsworth at their traditional breakfast table. At the fall '91 breakfast were (back row, from left): Malcolm Boone ('46), Robert Bogan ('54), Lester Tweedle ('60), Robert Modlin ('59), Charles Smith ('61), John Turchi ('58), Charles Gish ('49), Richard Buchanan ('51), Gerald French ('57), and George Welch ('51). Front: James Frey ('62), Willard Damm ('41), Patricia Clark ('80), Maynard Hine, Ralph McDonald ('44), and John Campbell ('39).*

Fall Dental Conference organizers are already hard at work planning next year's "golden anniversary" reunion, which will be held on the Bloomington campus. Helping coordinate this event are the IUSD Alumni Association's new officers: Dr. Bruce D. Raibley ('73), president, Evansville; Dr. John A. Rahe ('63), president-elect, Aurora; Dr. Vincent M. Guido ('82), vice president,

Lafayette; and Dr. James A. Shupe, Sr. ('62), secretary/treasurer, Fort Wayne. The board also welcomes its newest members, who have been elected to three-year terms: Drs. Mark F. Miller ('67), Kokomo; James E. Hornaday ('75), Richmond; Robert D. Perry ('69), Crawfordsville; John L. Wells ('66), West Lafayette; and George R. Zundo ('80), Danville, Illinois.

*Farewell to Officers. Karen Yoder (MSD '83) completed five years as secretary-treasurer on the IUSD Alumni Association's Board of Directors. With her at the banquet are board members who finished three-year terms of service: (from left) Drs. Robert Ewbank ('57), Richard Gore ('63), Vincent Guido ('82), Raymond Halle ('55), and Glenn Bollinger ('46).*



*Alumni Association President Richard Ellsworth ('73) hands over the reins—as well as the gavel—to incoming President Bruce Raibley ('73).*



# A FINAL NOTE TO THE '91 CONFERENCE

## *Indiana University School of Dentistry says goodbye to a dear friend.*

It was created during his presidency of the Alumni Association a half century ago. He watched with pride as it grew over the decades into an enormously successful event enjoyed by thousands of alumni and their families.

But when the IUSD Fall Dental Conference rolled around for the 49th time last September, Dr. James W. Huckelberry was not there to take part in the festivities.

His death on August 11, 1991, at the age of 93, brought to an end a distinguished career in dentistry. What remains is his remarkable record of achievement, including his efforts to establish for Indiana University an annual event that developed into one of the most popular dental reunions in the nation.

Dr. Huckelberry, an Indianapolis dentist who practiced 55 years, is more accurately described as an alumnus of the Indiana Dental College. He graduated in 1924, a year before the College was purchased by IU, although he and other IDC graduates were later awarded IU diplomas as well.

Dr. Huckelberry was born in New Albany, Indiana, and attended the University of Illinois for a year before pursuing his dental education. He was an Army veteran of World War I. He retired from practice in 1979.

Dr. Huckelberry's record as a leader in dentistry and civic affairs is a long one. He was a former vice president of the Indiana Dental Association; president of the Indianapolis District Dental Society; IDA delegate to the American Dental Association; president of the Indiana State Board of Dental Examiners; director of the Marion County Cancer Society; first and twenty-fifth president of the Hamilton Study Club of Indianapolis; and president of the Second Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons. He was also a fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Dr. Huckelberry was appointed to the Indiana Mental Health Advisory



*Dr. Huckelberry (right) missed one Fall Dental Conference in 48 years. Here he greets another of the conference's loyal supporters—IU football Coach Bill Mallory, who has addressed the dental alumni for several years at the annual football preview luncheon.*

Council in 1958 by then-Governor Harold W. Handley, serving until 1962. The following year he was appointed to the Indiana Mental Health Planning Commission by then-Governor Matthew E. Welsh. After retiring he served as a consultant for the Indiana Department of Mental Health.

In the 1950s Dr. Huckelberry was one of the key individuals responsible for focusing attention on the dental health care needs of people in state hospitals and correctional centers in Indiana, and for improving the services available to the institutionalized. He chaired the IDA's committee on dental care programs in state institutions for more than 20 years.

"Dr. Jim Huckelberry was a friend and a true professional colleague to everyone in dentistry," Dr. H. William Gilmore, IU dean of dentistry, said recently. "He valued education, he assumed a leadership role in organized dentistry, and—most important of all—he loved his patients. The quality of life for Hoosiers is better today than ever before because of individuals like Dr. Huckelberry, who worked throughout his lifetime to improve health care for all."

Dr. Huckelberry was the recipient of the IDA's distinguished service award and an IDA award for his efforts

to improve institutional dentistry; a service award from the Indiana Public Health Dentists; a Man of the Year award from the Optimist Club; and Honor Dentist recognition from the IDDS.

During his presidency of the IUSD Alumni Association in 1941-42, Dr. Huckelberry inaugurated the fall conference. Down through the decades he participated in every conference except one; in September 1990 he was unable to attend because of the illness of his niece, Dr. Elizabeth A. Graves (DDS '48), who died three days after the conference.

Dr. Huckelberry received the association's Distinguished Alumnus Award in the 1970s, and the university's Maynard K. Hine Medal last spring for making significant contributions to the IUPUI campus, including a major gift given in 1987 that was used to refurbish and modernize the patient admitting area of the dental school's Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences.

Dr. Huckelberry is survived by his wife, Ama, who has devoted decades of service to the Auxiliary of the IDA at state and national levels and has shared her husband's lifelong commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the dental profession.

IU School of Dentistry

# CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR

(all courses held in Indianapolis unless otherwise stated)

## March 6,7

**CE-157 Jarabak Lecture: Internal Derangement Condyle Disk Abnormalities Related to Degenerative Changes of Avascular Necrosis**  
*Dr. Donald Chase, co-medical director, University of Tennessee's Tissue Banking Services Division, Knoxville; Dr. Kurt Shellhas, Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis; and Dr. Clyde Wilkes, private practitioner, Minneapolis*

## March 6,7

**CE-166 Inaugural Dr. Maynard K. Hine Scholarship Lecture and Dinner: Progress in Research on Oral Health and Its Impact on Dental Education and Practice**  
*Dr. Harald Loe, director, National Institute of Dental Research*

## March 13

**CE-167 Advanced Team Management for the Progressive Dental Practice**  
*Sally McKenzie, president, McKenzie Management Co., Columbus, Ohio*

## March 15

**CE-173 Surgical Periodontics for the Generalist (limited attendance)**  
*Drs. Robert Lockhart and Carl Lerner, IU periodontic dept. (continues April 8,22,29 and May 20)*

## March 18

**CE-155 Maintenance of the Implant-Treated Patient: Expanding Role of the Hygienist**  
*Dr. R. Lamont MacNeil, University of Michigan; and Dr. David Alexander, IU periodontic dept.*

## March 21

**CE-168 Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide/Oxygen Sedation—Pain Control**  
*Dr. Wilfrid Keaton, IU oral and maxillofacial surgery dept.*

## March 25

**CE-169 Dental Photography with a Professional Approach**  
*Dr. David Steele, of Alexandria, Indiana*

## March 27,28

**CE-178 Lingual Appliances, Typodont Workshop**  
*Drs. John Gorman, J. Courtney Gorman, Jr., and Gordon Arbuckle, IU orthodontic dept.*

## April 3—6

**CE-170 AGD Hoosier Concept 90's and Beyond (Session IV) Endodontic Wrap-up** (Dr. Carl Newton and selected faculty, IU endodontic dept.); **and Basic Sciences** (IUSD faculty members Drs. Lawrence Goldblatt, Steven Bricker, James McDonald, Jr., Byron Olson, Jack Schaaf, George Stookey, Brady Hancock, Susan Zunt, Charles Tomich and Prof. Charles Palenik)

## April 10

**CE-171 IUSD Practice Management Personal Finance: The Value of Disability and Its Relation to Overall Financial Planning**  
*Dr. Donald Arens, IUSD continuing education director; and Kaufman Financial Corp., Indianapolis*

## April 11

**CE-172 CPR: Basic Life Support for Dentists and Auxiliaries**  
*Prof. Roberta Hilderbrand, IU periodontic dept.*

## April 15

**CE-158 Motivating a Patient through Effective Communication**  
*Dr. Robert Lockhart*

## April 23—25

**CE-174a Branemark National Surgical Training Program (for practices limited to oral surgery or to periodontics)**  
*Certified Branemark teachers from IU: Dr. Charles Nelson with oral and maxillofacial surgery dept.; Dr. Brady Hancock with periodontic dept.; and Dr. Eugene Roberts with orthodontic dept.*

## April 23,24

**CE-174b Branemark National Prosthodontic Training Program (for practices limited to prosthodontics)**  
*Certified Branemark teachers from the IU faculty: Drs. Charles Goodacre, Carl Andres, and David Brown, prosthodontic dept.*

## May 1,2

**CE-175 Limited Orthodontic Treatment for Minor Tooth Movement (Workshop)**  
*Drs. Gordon Arbuckle and William Hohlt, IU orthodontic dept.*

## May 13,15

**CE-177 Radiology for Dental Personnel (lecture, lab)**  
*Dr. Thomas Razmus and Prof. Gail Williamson, IU dental diagnostic sciences dept.*

## May 15

**CE-176 IDA-IUSD Academy of Continuing Education: Restorative Dentistry—Programming for Success**  
*Dr. Reuben Roach, president, Florida Academy of Dental Practice Administration, St. Petersburg*

## June 6

**CE-179 Applying the Systems Approach to Clinical Orthodontics and Organized Development of an Orthodontic Office**  
*Dr. Harry H. Hatasaka, University of the Pacific, San Francisco*

## LOOKING AHEAD

### September 9

**Dental Materials**  
*Dr. Gordon J. Christensen, of Provo, Utah*

### September 24—26

**IUSD Fall Dental Conference, Bloomington**  
**October 7,10**

**Radiology for Dental Personnel (lecture, lab)**  
*Dr. Thomas Razmus and Prof. Gail Williamson*

### October 31

**Glass Ionomers: Practical and Clinical Techniques**  
*Dr. Ebb Berry, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston*

### November 4

**Practice Management**  
*Jennifer de St. Georges, of Monte Sereno, California*

### December 11

**IDA-IUSD Academy of Continuing Education: Lasers in Dentistry**  
*Dr. Terry Myers, criminal justice dept., forensic science, University of Detroit; and director, Institute for Laser Dentistry, Walled Lake, Michigan*

### December 12

**IDA-IUSD Academy of Continuing Education: Electric Dental Anesthesia**  
*Dr. Fred Quarnstrom, University of Washington, Seattle*

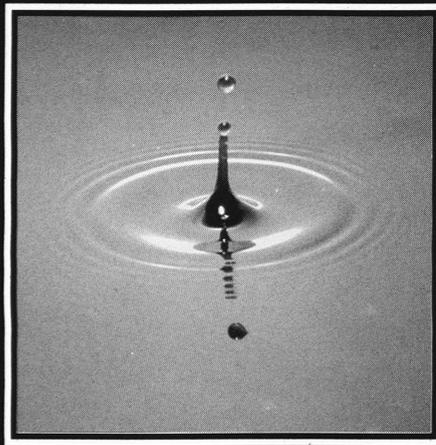
**For more information: write to Dr. Donald E. Arens, Director of Dental Continuing Education, 1121 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202; or call (317)274-7782.**

# Focusing on Fluoride

Indiana communities of Connersville, Lowell, and Brownsburg will participate in new \$3.1 million international research project led by George K. Stookey.

*by Ric Burrous  
IUPUI Media Relations*

*photo by Mike Halloran*



**I**nvestigators from the IU School of Dentistry, the IU School of Medicine, the People's Republic of China, and Ecuador will join forces in a new \$3.1 million research project looking into the safe use of fluoride in high-risk populations.

The program project, which began September 30, is led by Dr. George K. Stookey, IUSD associate dean for research and director of the Oral Health Research Institute. The project is funded by the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR).

"This project gives us a chance to re-examine the safe use of fluoride, which has become so commonplace in our society," Dr. Stookey said. "Fluoride is used in so many dental products. It is important to discover any long-term drawbacks or groups that might not benefit from exposure (to fluoride)."

The NIDR decided to fund the project after a 1989 report provided equivocal evidence that lifetime

exposure to very high levels of fluoride in rats might increase the risk of certain disorders, particularly skeletal problems.

"This will be a basic research study on the pharmacology of fluoride," said Dr. Ann J. Dunipace, associate director of preclinical research at the Institute and another key member of the investigating team. "You don't see problems with traditional levels of fluoride in healthy individuals and animals. What we want to study is whether or not there are any groups of people whose environment, nutrition or medical status makes them vulnerable to fluoride-related problems."

The research encompasses three projects to be conducted over five years. The first project, a clinical study, will focus on people who have been exposed to low, optimal (ideal) or high levels of fluoride over a long period of time, and on medically-compromised patients with diabetes, renal disease or osteoporosis

who might be more likely to encounter any adverse effects.

Another project will study the effects of chronic fluoride exposure on medically-compromised animals in which the body's ability to metabolize fluoride may be altered.

The third project will investigate the impact nutritional inadequacies have on the safe use of fluoride by people living in China and Ecuador.

**D**r. Stookey will lead the nutritional inadequacy phase, Dr. Dunipace the animal project, and Dr. Richard D. Jackson, an OHRI research associate, the clinical program. Dr. Barry P. Katz, associate professor of medicine (School of Medicine) and of preventive and community dentistry (School of Dentistry), will lead the biostatistics portion, interpreting data from the three studies.

IUSD's historical links to fluoride research—Dr. Joseph C. Muhler, now professor emeritus of preventive dentistry, was one of three faculty members to hold the original patent on the stannous fluoride formula that became the active caries-preventing agent in Crest toothpaste—make the choice of IUPUI's plan fitting.

"Most of our background is in fluoride research," said Dr. Dunipace. "The time was right to take advantage of that background."

The new research isn't a retracing of old research into the overall safety of fluoride, she added. Rather, this research will focus on specific groups of people whose health might be at risk from over-exposure to fluoride.

"The data we get from our study will help to identify any populations that may be at risk from excessive levels of fluoride," she said. "And if our results are negative—if we don't see any detrimental fluoride effects in our study groups—then we'll be in an even better position to say that fluoride is safe for a wide range of populations."

While the project calls for work in the far-off lands of China and Ecuador, information will be compiled in IUPUI's back yard, as well. Research will be conducted in the Oral Health Research Institute's labs and in the Indiana communities of Connersville, Lowell and Brownsburg.

"We chose Lowell as one of the field sites because it has a high natural concentration of fluoride in the water," Dr. Stookey said. "Connersville, on the other hand, is a low-fluoride environment, and the water in Brownsburg is optimally fluoridated. We needed all three types of communities to compare the long-term effects of fluoride."

China and Ecuador were chosen for the international portion of the project because "there aren't any areas in the U.S. with the widespread inadequate levels of nutrition found in some other parts of the world," said Dr. Stookey.

Members of the research team and its advisers from outside the university have ties to those countries, providing the necessary links for organizing on-site researchers.

The research will fill a valuable niche in the medical and dental communities, Dr. Stookey believes. But he also sees great value in the collaborative nature of the project to IUPUI.

"It is the first chance the School of Dentistry and the School of Medicine will have to work closely together on a project of such prominence," he said. "We have so many resources available to each of us, but until recently we haven't looked for ways to harness them for each other."

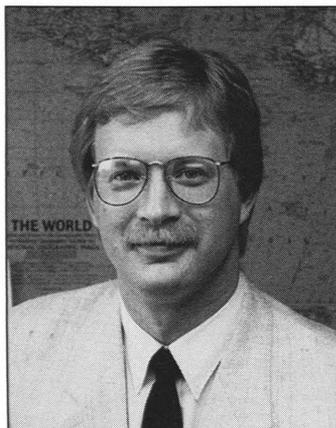
**T**he cooperative nature of IUPUI's proposal played a significant role in convincing the government to choose the school, he believes.

"The day of the individual expert is all but gone," Dr. Stookey said. "You have to have a lot of experts in all kinds of fields to handle a project like this, from the dental and medical schools to statistical experts to help you sort out all the data."

Dr. Stookey is pleased to see NIDR's rekindled interest in fluoride research.

"It's been almost two decades since the last major fluoride research project," he said. "Fluoride is the backbone of dental care and prevention programs here and around the world. But there is always more to learn."

# Postdoctoral Profiles



**Kevin R. Christiansen**

**Hometown:** Stayton, Oregon; **Dental degree:** DDS, Creighton University, 1981; **Postgraduate program at IU:** endodontics (major), oral pathology (minor); **Thesis:** *In vitro comparison and quantitative analysis of warm lateral condensation and the thermafil obturator*; **Degree:** MSD, July 1991; **Plans:** Private practice in Salem or Portland, Oregon.



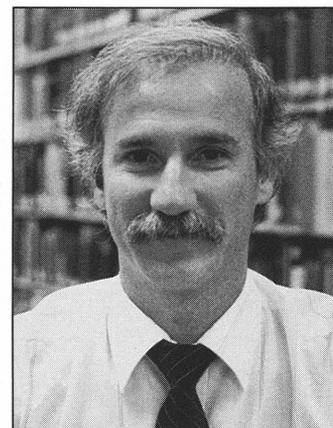
**Susan Ballou Gibson**

**Hometown:** Corbin, Kentucky; **Dental degree:** DMD, University of Louisville, 1988; **Postgraduate program at IU:** periodontics (major), oral pathology (minor); **Thesis:** *Determination of bacterial consistency among sites that are clinically healthy or diseased in a periodontal recall population*; **Degree:** MSD, August 1991; **Plans:** Solo private practice limited to periodontics in Somerset, Kentucky.



**Martha I. Goël**

**Hometown:** Toluca, Mexico; **Dental degree:** DDS, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Mexico, 1986; **Postgraduate program at IU:** operative dentistry (major), dental materials (minor); **Thesis:** *In vitro evaluation of surface treatment on glass ionomer cement*; **Degree:** MSD, November 1991; **Plans:** Private practice in Toluca.



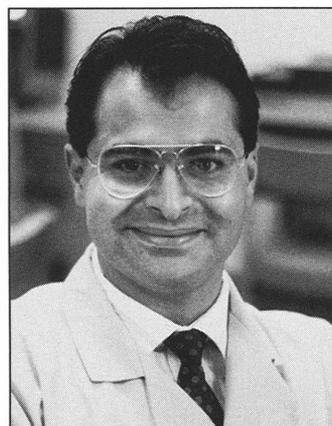
**David L. Harris**

**Hometown:** Pearland, Texas; **Dental degree:** DDS, University of Texas at Houston, 1989; **Postgraduate program at IU:** orthodontics (major), speech pathology (minor); **Thesis:** *Effects of flurbiprofen on the osteogenic response of the rat periodontal ligament to orthodontic force*; **Degree:** MSD, July 1991; **Plans:** Private practice in Houston.



**Poey-Ling Loh**

**Hometown:** Singapore, Republic of Singapore; **Dental degree:** BDS, National University of Singapore, 1984; **Postgraduate program at IU:** prosthodontics (major), dental materials (minor); **Thesis:** *Evaluation of microwave polymerizing acrylic resin for removable partial denture applications*; **Degree:** MSD, August 1991; **Plans:** Return to resume teaching duties in the restorative department of the Faculty of Dentistry at the National University of Singapore.

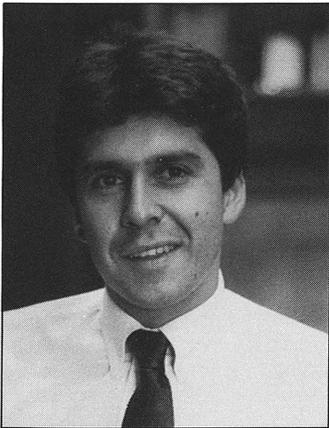


**Eduardo Galia Reston**

**Hometown:** Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; **Dental degree:** DDS, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, 1987; **Postgraduate program at IU:** operative dentistry (major), dental materials (minor); **Thesis:** *Retentive pin systems: in vitro evaluation of retention, resistance, and seating properties*; **Degree:** MSD, September 1991; **Plans:** Besides professional activities such as private practice and teaching restorative dentistry (both in Porto Alegre), would like to spend honeymoon in a place like Monaco—perhaps in 1999. Before that happens, come back to USA for the PhD.

Photos by Susan Crum

# DAE Around Indiana



## Luis Jaime Rueda

**Hometown:** Bogotá, Colombia; **Dental degree:** DDS, Universidad Javeriana, 1983; **Postgraduate program at IU:** prosthodontics (major), dental materials (minor); **Thesis:** *Effect of impression material thickness on the accuracy of stone casts*; **Degree:** MSD, September 1991; **Plans:** Private practice, Bogotá.



## Brenda Kay Stenftenagel

**Hometown:** Jasper, Indiana; **Dental degree:** DDS, Indiana University, 1989; **Postgraduate program at IU:** orthodontics (major), speech pathology (minor); **Thesis:** *Cell kinetic analysis of osteoblast histogenesis in the rat mandibular condyle following exposure to hard and soft diets*; **Degree:** July 1991; **Plans:** Associate with group practice—Orthodontic Affiliates, northwest Indiana.

## Congratulations to Duke's Day Scholars

Each year Duke's Day Scholarships are awarded to Fort Wayne area students who are preparing for health-related careers. The scholarships have long been supported by a group of professionals in the Fort Wayne area associated with health care; included are dentists, physicians, pharmacists, dental and medical sales representatives, and members of other health professions.

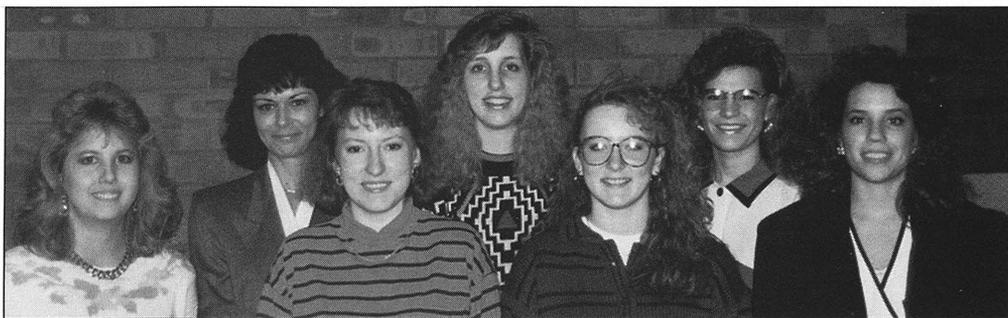
The annual Duke's Day Scholarship Golf Outing was held in Fort Wayne last summer for the 22nd consecutive year. Everyone enjoyed a day of fun and competition while helping to raise money for this very worthy cause.

Dr. Thomas J. Hoffman (DDS '77) and Dr. Michael Thompson served as co-

chairs of the Duke's Day Scholarship Committee representing the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society. Dr. Steven J. Hoagburg (DDS '86; MSD '88) also served as a committee chair.

Seven IPFW Dental Auxiliary Education students each received \$500 scholarships, which were presented at a dinner given for all scholarship recipients at the Fort Wayne Elks Club. The money will be used for educational expenses. Our students say THANK YOU to everyone who donated both time and money to help make these scholarships possible. Your generosity will be remembered for many years to come.

*Elaine S. Foley, Chair, Dental Hygiene  
Rosemary Monehen, Chair, Dental Assisting  
Charles A. Champion, Chair, Dental Laboratory Technology*



Rosemary Monehen

*IPFW's Duke's Day Scholarship winners, from left: Jennifer Cox, dental hygiene (2nd yr); Mary Sprinkle, dental laboratory technology (2nd yr); Jennifer Hill, dental hygiene (2nd yr); Becky Hall, dental assisting; Jodi Hardwick, dental hygiene (1st yr); Beth Schlosser, dental assisting; and Julie Walters, dental assisting.*

## Commencement Awards at IPFW

In addition to the dental hygiene commencement awards listed in the summer '91 issue of the *Alumni Bulletin*, the following awards were presented last spring to dental assisting and dental laboratory technology graduates from the Fort Wayne campus of Indiana University-Purdue University:

### DENTAL ASSISTING

*Isaac Knapp Award*, presented to **Sandra K. Fulton** by Lisa D. Weikart, education chair of the Isaac Knapp Dental Assisting Society

*Chairman's Award*, presented to **Robin Medley Lemon** on behalf of Rosemary Monehen, program chair

*Maynard K. Hine Award for Academic*

*Achievement*, presented to **Lisa M. Vigneaux** by Jami L. Beard, assistant professor of dental auxiliary education

### DENTAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

*Best Individual Improvement in Dental Laboratory Performance Award*, presented to **Steven Flatter**. Sponsored by J.F. Jelenko Co.

*Herbert Reiningger Award for Professionalism and Dedication*, presented to **Valeria Velevas**. Sponsored by the DLT Advisory Committee.

*Highest Academic Achievement Award*, presented to co-recipients **Julie Gatton** and **Tina Zern**. Sponsored by Sullivan Dental Products.

# With the Classes...



*Ain't no mountain high enough.....to keep Class of '84 grads Gary Staadt (left), Toby Derloshon and Ted Mioduski from exhibiting their loyalty to Indiana University. (We'll pretend not to notice Gary's sweatshirt.) The photo, sent by Dr. Mioduski, was taken last August on the summit of Long's Peak (elevation 14,225 feet) in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. "That's the Continental Divide in the background," Ted wrote. "The three of us rendezvous annually for a week of conquering 'mountains and margaritas.'" Dr. Staadt lives in Rockville, Indiana, Dr. Derloshon in Arvada, Colorado, and Dr. Mioduski in Loveland, Colorado.*



*Mack Attackers, back row from left: Jim Cahillane ('78), Cliff Fleming, Mike Knepper ('77), Larry Roberts ('73), Mike Koufos ('86), Darryl Graden ('74), and Chuck Coburn ('67). Front: Ken Hyde, Denny Block ('78), Norm Novak ('68), Stephen Lucas ('80), Kent Hill, and Ron Brown. The '91 bike tour included Dave Henderson ('80), Terry Stoller ('75), John Lehman ('74), Gene Stutsman ('74), Brian Fryar ('85), and Howard Stevenson ('83). Dental laboratory technologist Cliff Chute and Fran Shembab ('69) are also members of the club.*

## Big Mack(inac) Attack Pack

He's known by participants of the IUSD Fall Dental Conference as the fellow who organizes and leads the annual conference bike trips (from the Memorial Union to Morgan-Monroe State Forest during past reunions in Bloomington, and throughout the winding roads of Eagle Creek Park at the most recent conference in Indianapolis).

But Dr. Kenneth Hyde ('75), Valparaiso, recently tipped us off to yet another group of cyclists that he pedals with each year, most of whom are IUSD graduates. He explained in a recent letter:

In 1987 some of my bicycling dentist friends and I decided that since it was too hard to fill the appointment

book when school starts each year, we would just close our offices on the first two days of school and go bicycling in Michigan. The original six members were IU grads Denny Block, Jim Cahillane, Darryl Graden, Mike Koufos, Steve Lucas, and me.

Many of the riders like to come a day early just to ride around the lakes, but the official tour starts on Fridays in Boyne City, where my wife and I have a condo on Lake Charlevoix. We ride smoothly paved and lightly traveled roads to our lunch stop in Harbor Springs, then continue along the scenic shores of Lake Michigan to Mackinac Island where we stay at a bed and breakfast inn. The next day we ride to Petoskey and stay in a historical restored hotel. On the third day we travel through the town of Charlevoix, ride a cable ferry across the lake, and finish the ride on Sunday back in Boyne City.

Our group rides 75 miles on the longest day and 40 miles on the shortest day with plenty of food consumed to fuel the journey. A van carries all of our gear and we take turns driving the van to the next stop.

The size of the "Big Mack Attack Pack" has grown each year as more friends are invited. This year 19 guys made the trip, including 17 Indiana dentists. The Indiana dentists have become well known in the Harbor Springs bike shop.

Sometime this winter we will all be invited to one participant's home for a reunion party to show slides and photos from the trip. More than a few funny stories will be told (most of them based on fact)!

We intend to continue the tradition next year.

Ken Hyde

## Seminar Named for Dr. Mel Lund

When IU professor Melvin R. Lund agreed to lecture with IU colleague Timothy J. Carlson at Intercontinental University in Mexico City last July, he had no inkling that the program he was to present was also going to be named in his honor.

Program sponsors didn't let Dr. Lund in on the fact that he was speaking at the Melvin R. Lund Seminar until the last minute. "We kept it as a surprise," Dr. Sofia Espinosa, one of Dr. Lund's

former graduate students in operative dentistry and a faculty member at Intercontinental University, said in a recent letter. Dr. Espinosa is one of several IU postdoctoral graduates who have served on Intercontinental's faculty since its dental school was established 15 years ago. "We feel a special gratitude for all we learned from him. He shared not only his knowledge of dentistry, but his humanitarian point of view as well."

Intercontinental University plans to invite guest speakers from different universities to present the Melvin R. Lund Seminar each year; the talks will focus on restorative dentistry.



*Seminar participants, from left: Dr. Carlos Carrillo (MSD '83), Dr. Alfredo Loch (MSD '78), Dr. Max Shimanovich (MSD '76), Dr. Carlson, Dr. Espinosa (MSD '85), Dr. Luis Ocelli (certificate '82), Dr. Lund, Dr. Maria Teresa Camara (former student in preventive dentistry), Dr. Luis Camara (MSD '77), Dr. Alejandro Ibarra (MSD '80), Dr. Ana Maria Farias Ibarra (MSD '80), and Dr. Eduardo Ortega (MSD '64). According to Dr. Espinosa, she and Drs. Ibarra, Shimanovich, Loch, and Ocelli are currently on the faculty of Intercontinental University and the others pictured are former faculty members. Another IU grad currently appointed at Intercontinental (not pictured) is Dr. Shimen Toiber (certificate '79). Former faculty members not pictured are Drs. Luis Sanchez Sotres (MSD '68) and Roberto Magallanes (MSD '75).*

## Drs. Shafer, Boone Among 'Grade-A' College Teachers

When editors of *Indiana Alumni* asked the magazine's readers to nominate their "perfect college teacher," responses came from grads in 15 states representing classes from the 1920s to the 1990s. Among the 43 professors and instructors nominated were two that are well known to the dental alumni—Dr. William G. Shafer, distinguished professor emeritus of oral pathology; and Dr. Malcolm E. Boone, professor emeritus of prosthodontics.

Dr. Sybil S. Niemann ('66), Indianapolis, cast her vote for Dr. Shafer because she was impressed by his enthu-

siasm. "He could motivate students to work harder and learn more than they knew was possible," wrote Dr. Niemann, who is director and clinical assistant professor of dental auxiliary education at IU. "He could bring the dullest topic to life and had a way of making you feel that the material was fresh and new to him and he couldn't wait to tell the rest of us."

Dr. John P. Click ('86), a practitioner in New Albany, nominated Dr. Boone. "Dr. Boone allowed me to reach a zenith that would instill excellence, perfection, and compassion in my professional practice," Dr. Click recalled. "He guided me into research and taught me to treat not only patient problems, but also the patient's human needs."

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## 1925

Dr. Delton C. Shazer, Greensburg, died July 24, 1991. He practiced from 1938 until his retirement in 1980. Dr. Shazer was a former president of the Southeastern Component Society of the Indiana Dental Association.

Dr. Shazer was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy. He was a former member of the Greensburg School Board, a former grand master of Masonic Lodge 36, and a member of Greensburg United Methodist Church.

Dr. Shazer is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Shirley Shazer; son, Thomas Shazer; three grandchildren; and five step-granddaughters. Shirley Shazer has been employed at the IU School of Dentistry since 1956 and is currently a histotechnologist in the Department of Dental Diagnostic Sciences.

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## 1927

*My belly bulges out and my hair is thin, but I'm a darned good man for the shape I'm in.*

So reports the wise-cracking Dr. Delmar Faun, Colfax, on the occasion of his 94th birthday last August 22. Despite an illness last spring that landed him in the hospital in the summer, Dr. Faun continues to serve faithfully as the Class of 1927's field correspondent—not only keeping the *Alumni Bulletin* informed of news, but also writing to each classmate regularly. He says he has been sending out his “goofy literary outbursts” to classmates for 24 years. He is still in touch with 11 members. The group held its latest reunion on August 15. “Only four ‘reunioners’ reunited this year,” says Dr. Faun, “to express our affection for each other and to discuss the probability of having a ringtailed doozy 65th pow wow.” At last writing, Dr. Faun hoped to interest the class in holding a “grand and glorious 65th. It will probably be the last roundup, the finale reunion for a fine group of gentlemen who have nourished a wonderful friendship for nearly seven decades.”

And, on a sad note, Dr. Faun reported the death of Dr. Clarence P. Obery, Indianapolis, on July 13, 1991. Dr. Obery practiced on the Southside for 49 years; he retired in 1976. He was preceded in death by his wife, Clara.

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## 1928

Dr. Harold H. Stahlhut, Coldwater, Michigan, died in October 1990.

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## 1929

Dr. Harold M. Armstrong, Peoria, Arizona, died July 16, 1991.

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## 1934

A thoughtful note from Mrs. Samuel L. Border, PO Box 27, Monon, Indiana 47959 (Dr. Border's death on May 28, 1991, was reported in the summer issue of the *Bulletin*): *Sam practiced here in Monon for 44 years and he loved every minute of it. He was a wonderful dentist, and he had a tremendous practice for a small town.*

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## 1935

Dr. Cecil C. Ball, Indianapolis, died December 15, 1991. He had practiced for 50 years on East 10th Street, retiring in 1979. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, serving as a dental surgeon in the North African Campaign. Dr. Ball was founder and first president of Eastside Multi-Service Center's Weekday Religious Education Board.

Dr. Ball was the widower of Elnora L. Ball. He is survived by his wife, May; son, Dr. Gary C. Ball; daughters Lynda Cline, Cheryl Anne Jacklin and Lisa Louise Turner; and 11 grandchildren.

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## 1938

Dr. Edward L. Pease, Franklin, died November 19, 1991. He practiced in Franklin for 25 years, retiring in 1983. He was a 1935 graduate of Franklin College.

Dr. Pease was a veteran of World War II. He was a past president of the Franklin Rotary Club and Johnson County Dental Association; and a member of the Murat Shrine Highlanders, Indiana Delta of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Greenwood Masonic Lodge 514, Scottish Rite and Indiana Woodland Forestry Association.

Dr. Pease is survived by his wife, Patti; daughters Melinda J. Vogel, Melanie L. Pease and Jennifer A. Leonard; son, Dr. James L. Pease; and five grandchildren.

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## 1939

Dr. John E. Geisel, Portland, died February 3, 1991. His wife, Frances, survives.

Dr. Samuel Groher, New Canaan, Connecticut, died November 22, 1990. He is survived by his wife, Mollie.

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## 1940

Remember Bob Baldwin? (Think hard—and all the way back to your sophomore year in dental school.) We've recently heard from Dr. Frank K. Etter, 1709 Roscomare Road, Los Angeles, California 90077, who shares an unusual update:

*Several weeks ago it was my treat to have Bob Baldwin come by and visit for the better*

*part of three days, after visiting his son in Oakland, California. Bob was our Indiana classmate for the first two years in dental school after which he transferred to McGill University in Montreal, Canada. I hadn't seen him since the spring of 1941 when my wife and I were visiting in the New England area. Ever since the end of World War II he has practiced in Essex, Connecticut. He and I sat on my patio and talked about so many of our times “back when” at dental school. He was pleased to mention numerous people he enjoyed in those days. He is doing very well, health-wise, and is practicing part-time three days per week (after which he plays lots of tennis and keeps up his new home there). His wife passed away about 10 years ago. He has invited me to come visit with him and suggested we travel up into the New England area where two of his sons live. He wishes all his acquaintances from his dental school days the very best.*

Address: Dr. Lynn H. Rodenbarger, 221 Dent Drive, Naples, FL 33942

Ruth Ellen Fly has informed us of the death of her husband, Dr. Charles A. Fly, Jr., on March 7, 1991. Dr. Fly practiced for 37 years in Deshler, Ohio. He is also survived by daughter Cheryl Bourgea.

Dr. Eugene D. Iden, Butler, Pennsylvania, died July 6, 1991. His wife, Marilyn, survives.

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## 1944

Dr. Joel R. Fertig, West Palm Beach, Florida, died June 26, 1990. His wife, Barbara, survives.

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## 1946

A much appreciated note from Dr. Norman Becker, 34 Shirley Avenue, Revere, Massachusetts 02151, regarding the summer *Alumni Bulletin's* cover story on IUSD's geneticist, Dr. David Bixler:

*What a great issue. Wonderful story and so well done. Thank you—it excited my interest in genetics once again.*

We are especially pleased to hear this from Dr. Becker, who has been editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society* for 11 years and is immediate past president of the American Association of Dental Editors.

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## 1947

The 73rd annual meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons was dedicated to Dr. Daniel M. Laskin, professor and chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Medical College of Virginia, in recognition of his pioneering

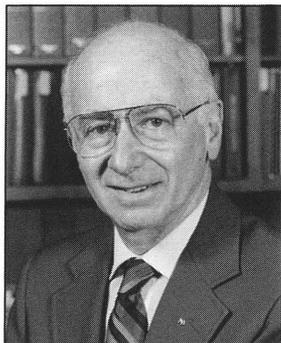
efforts on behalf of the specialty both nationally and internationally. The meeting was held in Chicago in September. Only 18 individuals have been honored by the association in this manner.

Dr. Laskin is professor emeritus of oral and maxillofacial surgery of the University of Illinois; he accepted the appointment at the Medical College of Virginia in 1984.

Dr. Laskin is a past president of the AAOMS, the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. He holds fellowships in a number of professional organizations, including honorary fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and the Canadian Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Currently he is secretary/general of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* since 1972, he has won five William J. Gies Editorial Awards, eight honorable mentions and, in 1983, a special award for editorial writing from the American Association of Dental Editors. He has made more than 600 contributions to the dental literature and has been author or co-author of seven books.

Dr. Laskin has been accorded numerous honors by AAOMS, including the Research Recognition Award, the William J. Gies Foundation Award in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, the Donald B. Osbon Award for Outstanding Educator, and the Distinguished Service Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the association.



**Daniel M. Laskin**

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## 1951

Dr. Robert E. Huffer, Clearwater, Florida, died May 17, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Alice.

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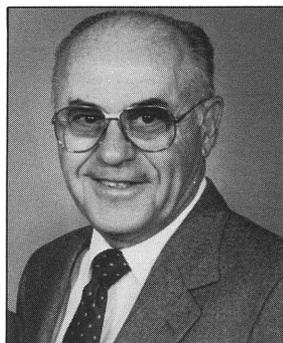
## 1952

Dr. Joseph C. Cassidy, 48 12th Street, Tell City, IN 47586, reports that he is now retired.

Dr. James E. Humphrey, Terre Haute, died June 21, 1991 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. His career as a private practitioner spanned 40 years. Dr. Humphrey was a past president of the Western Indiana Dental Society (1963-64) and a former member of the IUSD Alumni Association board (1981-84). He is an Army veteran of World War II.

Dr. Humphrey's memberships included Maple Avenue United Methodist Church, where he participated in the choir; Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity, Elks Country Club, and Terre Haute Country Club.

Dr. Humphrey is survived by his wife, Helen; daughters, Dr. Pat Clark, Ann Woods and Kay Stebbins; son, Dr. James Humphrey; and seven grandchildren. Dr. Humphrey's family has many ties to IUSD. Daughter Pat, an endodontist in Terre Haute, holds three degrees from IUSD (ASDH '74, DDS '80, MSD/Endodontics '86); and son James has been working toward an MSD degree in periodontics since earning his DDS in 1988. Dr. Humphrey's uncle Alvie Humphrey, who died in 1950, taught in the IUSD crown and bridge department. A nephew, Dr. Paul F. Humphrey (DDS '74), practices dentistry in Belfair, Washington. A niece, Renee Ottinger, is enrolled as a first-year dental student.



**James E. Humphrey**

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## 1954

Dr. Robert D. Wood, Nashville, Tennessee, longtime faculty member at Meharry Medical College, died October 15, 1991.

Dr. Wood held BS ('51) and MSD ('62 Oral Diagnosis/Oral Medicine) degrees from IU in addition to his dental degree. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of captain in the Army Dental Corps. He practiced in Indianapolis and Marion before accepting the appointment at Meharry, where he taught for 19 years. He developed the school's first department of oral diagnosis/oral medicine and served as chair for several years. He later became supervisor of the dental hygiene clinic at Tennessee State University, Nashville.

Dr. Wood was a past president of the Capitol City Dental Society and the Pan Tennessee Dental Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; sons Brian, Eric and Joseph; and 10 grandchildren.

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## 1957

Dr. John J. Collins, Fort Myers, Florida, died November 4, 1991. He practiced in Indianapolis for 26 years, having moved to Florida six years ago. He was an Army veteran and a member of Pilgrims Church in Fort Myers. His wife, Jeanne Anne (ASDH '57), survives, as well as daughters Dee Anne Bruin and Jeana Ellsberry; mother, Lucille Collins; and one grandson.

We have received a note from Dr. Adel M. El-Tannir (MSD/Prosthodontics '84), Cairo, Egypt, who informs us that his father, Dr. Mohamed D. El-Tannir (MSD/Crown and Bridge), also of Cairo, died in May 1988.

Dr. John R. Montgomery, Indianapolis, died November 30, 1991. He was in practice for 34 years.

Dr. Montgomery was a Boy Scout leader and a past coach of Little League softball and baseball. He served on the Washington Township School Board Selection Committee and was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

His survivors include wife, Patricia; daughters Stephanie Reilly, Cynthia Kitchens, Sarah Montgomery, and Suzanne Potter; sons Jeff, Jonathan, and Peter; and four grandchildren.

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## 1958

Address: Dr. Guy H. Janssen, 5067 West 82nd Court #D, Crown Point, IN 46307

We have received word that Dr. Govind B. Shankwalker (MSD/Periodontics), Bombay, India, died in May 1990.

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## 1959

Carol Gutwein (ASDH) sends greetings from Papua, New Guinea:

*After graduating from IU and working in the States for a few years, I came to Papua, New Guinea, as a missionary and have been here since 1965. From time to time I return to the States and have had a few opportunities to see some of my classmates. But for the most part, receiving the Alumni Bulletin is the only way I've kept in touch at all with what's going on. Thanks a lot for sending it!*

*I'll be returning to the States in a few weeks, so I'm writing with a change of address: 1640 Dawn Drive, Columbia, MO 65202.*

Address: Dr. Larry L. Beachy, 1406 Elmherst Court, Goshen, IN 46526

## 1961

Address: Dr. David M. Latz, 15010 Little Eagle Creek Avenue, Zionsville, IN 46077

## 1962

Address: Dr. Richard P. Bowling, 4525 Moss Ridge Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237

## 1967

Address: Dr. Joseph L. Holloman, 1503 Wabash Street, Vincennes, IN 47591

Dr. Ronald W. Krantz, Cincinnati, Ohio, died in March 1990.

## 1968

Address: Dr. Phillip Dupler, 3899 Haines Street, San Diego, CA 92109

## 1969

Dr. Carl F. "Buzz" Peek, Fishers, died July 13, 1991. Dr. Peek owned the Meridian Dental Center in Indianapolis for eight years, and before that he practiced in Lebanon for 13 years.

Dr. Peek was a graduate of Butler University and had also attended Denison (Ohio) University. He taught at IUSD five years until 1975.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons Jeffrey, Joseph, John, and James; stepdaughter Heather Cuthbert; stepson Fred Cuthbert III; and three grandchildren.

## 1971

Addresses: Dr. William M. Goebel, 1705 Semiole Lane, Godfrey, IL 62035

Dr. Randolph L. Kixmiller, 212 South Tryon Street, Suite 1502, Charlotte, NC 28281

## 1972

Address: Dr. Gregory A. Crawford, 17420 Tonkel Road, Leo, IN 46765

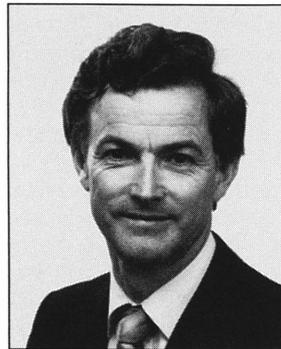
## 1973

Dr. Eric D. Bothwell, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has received the prestigious J.D. Lane Research Award from the U.S. Public Health Service for his winning submission, "Preventing Baby Bottle Tooth Decay in Native American Communities: An Applied Research Model." Dr. Bothwell also won this award in 1987 for his doctoral dissertation. He is the only dentist ever to have won this award and the only person ever to have received it twice. He currently serves as

director of Dental Research and Program Communications, Indian Health Service, Albuquerque.

Dr. M. Kevin O Carroll (MSD/Dental Radiology), Jackson, Mississippi, has been elected vice-president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

Dr. O Carroll is associate professor of oral radiology in the School of Dentistry and assistant professor of radiology in the School of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He is currently serving as president of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.



Kevin O Carroll

## 1974

Address: Dr. Charles Y. Coghlan (MSD/Orthodontics), 2911 East Covanter, Bloomington, IN 47401

## 1975

Addresses: Dr. Randall S. Cory, 801 N. Huntington Street #11, Syracuse, IN 46567

Dr. Carol I. Turner, College of Naval Warfare, 06-92 Naval War College, Newport, RI 02841-5010

## 1976

Addresses: Dr. Robert C. Batchelder, 608 Shady Lane, Ossian, IN 46777

Dr. Bernida Iqbal, Richmond State Hospital, 498 NW 18th Street, Richmond, IN 47374-2896

Dr. Jeannie M. Vickery, 5731 Cambrooke Court, Dublin, OH 43017

## 1978

Address: Dr. Linda J. Kirchoff, 304 Quail Run Drive, Hinesville, GA 31313

## 1979

Addresses: Dr. Paul K. Blaser (MSD/Operative Dentistry), 6707 Passageway Place, Burke, VA 22015

Dr. Mark A. Vorhies, 1678 Fry Road #A, Greenwood, IN 46142

## 1980

An editorial titled "The Risk of Corporate Takeovers" written by Dr. Jeffrey B. Dalin recently was circulated to editors throughout the country by way of the American Dental Association's *UPDATE for Dental Editors* newsletter. The newsletter routinely scans dental publications for noteworthy editorials and reprints them so they can be seen by a wider audience. Dr. Dalin, who is editor of the *Bulletin*, a publication of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society, addresses his concern that the trend toward consolidation of companies (dental and otherwise) may lead to fewer services and higher prices. He writes in part:

*...I mention overhead percentages often. We have to run our offices like profitable businesses so these percentages must be watched closely at all times. I much prefer we look at expenses and stop thinking about producing (as is lectured about by soft tissue management seminars, practice philosophy seminars, etc.). Quality should always take precedent over quantity. This is why I keep my eyes wide open at everything going on around us that can affect us on a day-to-day basis. We must watch these companies closely to see what happens to prices. Think about what you paid for x-ray film as little as three or four years ago, and see where the prices are today...*

*Let's keep these companies "honest." Voice your displeasure to dental supply houses and to company representatives if you feel prices or services are getting out of hand. I don't know if we have any power in keeping prices under control. All I can do is use my pen to point out these trends as I see them occurring.*

An update from Dr. Steve Wilhite, Queens Physicians Office Bldg II, 1329 Lusitana, Suite 405, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813:

*Well, I just had my first "baby" six months ago (a new office—solo practice). Everything is working out great at the office, however my golf game has been and is suffering. It took me awhile to realize why all of my "friends" were offering to send a limousine to pick me up for a friendly game of golf—I couldn't play to my old handicap (therefore easy money for my "buddies").*

*Kari and our son Gavan are doing great! Gavan starts pre-school in September '91; he absolutely loves the water, as does his mother. Kari is still busy as ever working at the children's hospital here in Honolulu, swimming, and being a great mother.*

*I sure miss talking with Tillman, as I'm*

sure a lot of you do. If ever out this way, please call.

## 1981

Addresses: Dr. David J. Howell, 2911 East Covenanter Drive, Suite B, Bloomington, IN 47401

Dr. Takeo Iwata (MSD/Prosthodontics), Higashi Koganei Shika, 4-42-20, Higashimachi, Koganei, Tokyo 184, Japan

Marsha (McGinnis) Mott (ASDH), 849-B 9th Street, Robins AFB, GA 31098

## 1983

Address: Jane Garr Barker (dental assisting certificate), 20860 County Road 138, Goshen, IN 46526

## 1984

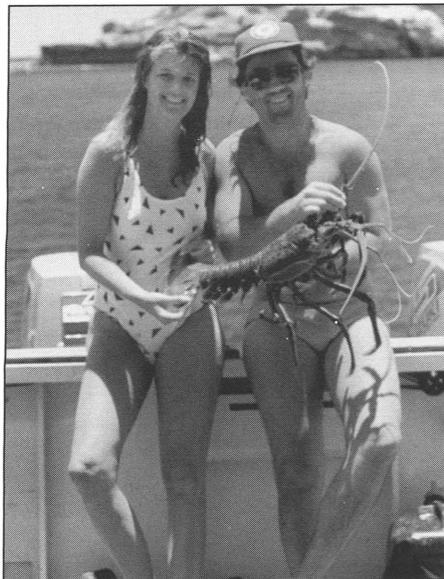
Address: Dr. Robert Barker, 20860 County Road 138, Goshen, IN 46526

## 1985

A wonderfully newsy letter has arrived from Dr. Laura A. Dalton-Ecker, The University of Western Australia Dental School, 179 Wellington Street, Perth, Western Australia 6000. Born and raised in Indiana, Laura moved to Australia after marrying another IU alum, Dr. Garry Ecker (MSD/Prosthodontics '82). She says in part:

*Warm greetings from Perth, Western Australia. I've been meaning to write to you for the past two years to congratulate you on your wonderful efforts with the Alumni Bulletin, especially the edition devoted to Dr. (William) Shafer. I really enjoy receiving all the latest news as I reminisce about good old Indiana. It's hard to believe that I've been away for six years now!*

*...I can't begin to tell you how beautiful and wonderful my life in Australia is. I can see now why Dr. Ralph Phillips thought Perth was the most beautiful city in the world. And I know that he saw many cities in his lifetime. We arranged for Dr. Phillips to revisit Perth last year. What a treat that was and we were so sad to hear of his death this year. Since passing the Australian Board Exams in 1985, I worked in private practice part-time and taught at the University of Western Australia Dental School part-time, whilst working on the first two years of a master's degree in education. Last December I was offered a full-time lecturing position at the Dental School and am now the course controller for Operative Dentistry 371. I am also in charge of Fixed Prosthodontics 371 with Dr. Bob Hotinski (MSD/Prosthodontics '78). I conduct demonstrations in the clinic and teach both operative technique courses as well. So, I'm very*



*Laura and Garry and dinner*

*honored to hold these positions and all the responsibilities that go along with them. We're in the middle of a major curriculum change to bring this school into the 1990s, and I'm using the curriculum at Indiana as my guide and input into this matter. It's amazing how much one appreciates their education once they've graduated!*

*Besides SCUBA diving, water skiing and travelling all around this part of the world—namely Asia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Australia itself—we find time to attend the special dental conferences offered on this side of the planet. We will be attending the prosthodontic convention in Japan this month. I'm really looking forward to Japan, as its culture has a significant influence on our life here. It's really interesting living on this side of the globe, being so close to all of these countries that I only kind of knew existed! Needless to say, I love my life here!*

*Now for the better half—Garry. When we arrived in Perth in October 1985 he lectured full time at the University of Western Australia until his private practice became too demanding. Now he solely lectures the post-graduate students in occlusion, crown and bridge and TMJ therapy whilst devoting most of his time to his busy practice. He is heavily involved in the political side of dentistry, serving as a council member of the ADA (that's the Australian Dental Association), is the president of the Western Australian Prosthodontic Society and is on many other committees...*

*I'm finding out that he must have been a fish in his former life, because instead of golfing (like most dentists do on their days off) he scuba dives whenever possible. Our freezer is full of lobster and tasty fish because of it; of course having our own boat helps to promote this habit of ours. Enclosed is a picture of a typical Sunday afternoon on the Indian Ocean. Now can you understand why I chose to move to Perth?*

*I wish all the best to everybody back there!*

Address: Deborah A. Nixon (ASDH), PO Box 6882, Bloomington, IN 47407

## 1986

In June we received a surprise visit from Dr. Charles M. Bernstein, who dropped by to say hello and to inform us that he is entering his fourth year of medical school at the Medical College of Ohio, Toledo. Casting an eye toward a June '92 diploma, Dr. Bernstein has been applying for residencies in internal medicine. He has been practicing dentistry throughout med school. "It makes a great part-time job," he says, "and it certainly pays better than work study!"

Addresses: Dr. Nazanine Farzaneh, 110 Syosset Circle, Syosset, NY 11791

Dr. Tuomo K. Karjalainen (MS/Oral Pathology), Universite de Paris-Sud, Faculte de Pharmacie, Departement de Microbiologie et Immunologie, 5, Rue Jean-Baptiste-Clement, 92296 Chatenay-Malabry Cedex, France

## 1987

September's mail brought this update from Dr. Glenn R. Young:

*Libby and I are still living here in Heidelberg, Germany. Our son, Ricky, starts pre-school this year. He's growing so fast. Our family flew back to the U.S this past summer*

### *The Young family visits the Oktoberfest in Munich*



for a short vacation. It was great seeing family and friends; we had not been back since 1988. We visited Annette Williamson, who showed us her new house and her new office. She is becoming very successful.

We plan to take a river cruise on the Rhine and Mosel rivers soon. The wine from the last two years has been very good. The 1989 wines are arguably the best German wines of the century. All the vintners we have talked to are unsure about 1991 because there has not been as much summer rain as in years past...



**She worked at the office until the evening of October 3, 1991, and gave birth to Patrick John the following morning. (Then, Dr. Jamie Roach-Decker took a well-deserved break until Thanksgiving!) Best wishes to Jamie and husband, Mark, who reside at 156 Mill Hill Road, Colchester, Connecticut 06415.**

Addresses: Dr. J. Kevin Coghlan, 2911 East Covenant, Bloomington, IN 47401

Dr. David S. Jardenil, 2007 Porte De L'eau Court #301, Highland, IN 46322 (see Class of '89 notes, too)

Dr. William O. Roller, Jr., 3414 Londonderry Court, Roanoke, VA 24018-5058

## 1988

Addresses: Dr. Todd D. Meeks, 4111 Diplomat Plaza, Fort Wayne, IN 46806

Dr. Kathleen A. Warthan, 1134 Pinemont Place #1A, Annapolis, MD 21403

## 1989

A note to Dr. Hala Henderson from Dr. Brenda Stenftenagel (MSD '91/Orthodontics), who recently joined Orthodontic Affiliates, a group of specialists with seven offices throughout northwest Indiana. She says:

*David Jardenil ('87) and I were married in August. He is currently in the oral surgery program at Cook County Hospital*

*(Chicago). My first six weeks here at Orthodontic Affiliates have been a great learning experience. I love it!*

See their address under Jardenil ('87)

Other addresses: Dr. Ernest L. DaBreo (MSD/Prosthodontics), 4300 Talbot Road #314, Renton, WA 98055

Dr. Kenneth G. Dale, 1523 State Street, New Albany, IN 47150

Wendy Hogue (ASDH), 10050 Stoneybrook Circle #D, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Dr. Bradley S. Trotter, 29 Poinciana Circle, Dededo, Guam 96912

Dr. Terry H. Vibbert, 1147 Oxford Square, Evansville, IN 47710

## 1990

Addresses: Patricia (Meer) Horban (dental assisting certificate), RR 5, Box 291, Rochester, IN 46975

Dr. Allen W. Meier, 8416 Travis Drive, Wichita, KS 67210

Kim Odem (ASDH), 6303 Liberty Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46809

Dr. Kathleen S. Shepard, 431 Ryburn Street, Dayton, OH 45405

## 1991

Some great news from Dr. Bud Healey, 1808 6th Street West, Palmetto, Florida 34221:

*I passed the Florida Boards in June and will be going into practice in Sun City Center, a retirement community (some people thought I belonged there when I started dental school).*

*Also, if anyone in my class or subsequent classes has any questions about the Florida exam I'd be happy to talk to them. Just give me a call (813/729-3724).*

*I never thought I would admit it but I kind of miss old IUSD. Those were some of the most frustrating days of my life but also a lot of fun. Learning how the system worked and who to work with and who to avoid was half the battle.*

*Give everyone up there—both faculty and staff—my regards. I'd welcome any visitors who want to go fishing or sailing.*

Addresses: Dr. Doug Ramsey, 216 East Gilmore Street, Winslow, AZ 86047

Dr. Scott Reef, PO Box 7397, Shonto, AZ 86054

# Michigan Street Memos

## Cherish the Past, but Delight in the Future

*Ethel B. Edwards offers words of advice as she retires from the Department of Prosthodontics.*

Don't tell Ethel Edwards there's no such thing as a dream job. She found hers on the fourth floor of the dental school on June 19, 1978.

Frequently reminded when she first arrived that she was entitled to a break on her busy job as the supervisor of supplies in the complete denture department, Ethel's standard reply was, "I feel like I'm already on one!"

The position was highly recommended by her neighbor Mary Walton, who served for many years as the department's receptionist. Ethel says she'll never forget the kindness and generosity of Dr. Robert H. Derry, chair of complete denture at that time and the person who hired her. "He made me feel like I had the kind of job I'd like to retire from," she says. She also enjoyed the family atmosphere generated by a steady stream of good-natured dental students and the closeness of her complete denture co-workers.

Having lived all but the first six months of her life on Sheffield Avenue on the near westside of Indianapolis, Ethel recalls that she took on her first tough work assignment a half century ago, at the age of 15, as the first black waitress in one of the city's restaurants. "I also was known for being the 'baby' of the group and some of my co-workers thought they could walk right over me," she says, giving thanks to this day to the kitchen employees who kept a protective eye on her. Other jobs she held over the



Susan Chinn

*Ethel B. Edwards*

years, including one in a glove factory and another in a nursing home, convinced her that the dental school was a dream come true.

She thought the dream was over when she learned in the late '80s that the complete denture department was going to merge with crown and bridge on the floor below. Instituting a major change in her daily routine with retirement so close at hand was an unwelcome challenge, she admits. "But my new co-workers were so pleasant to me, they made the department switch bearable." The prosthodontic department and a bible study group each honored her with a farewell luncheon last October.

Ethel cherishes the friendships she established with students, faculty and employees during her 13 years at the school. One of her favorite memories is that of venturing to Chicago to serve as a board patient for IU dental student George Medler (DDS '85), now of Brooksville, Florida. George arranged

for Ester Pierson, Ethel's close friend and complete denture colleague who now works at the Oral Health Research Institute, to bring his patient to town. "We started off at one in the morning in a Camaro full of Ester's relatives," Ethel remembers with a laugh. "Then it began to rain and when we got to Chicago we had trouble finding the Loyola dental school. As eight o'clock approached I got very nervous, picturing George pacing the floor." They arrived just in time for Ethel to slide into the dental chair. "I talked with George after he got his results, and he passed," she says proudly.

The mother of three grown daughters—Toni, Cheryl and Karen Sue—Ethel, who is divorced, is grandmother to nine children and great-grandmother to seven. "I'm very close to my family, and we do lots of things together. Each member contributes \$5 a month to a bank account that we call the family treasury and with it we sponsor two family outings a year."

Ethel and a friend from church hope soon to start a bible study class for children in her neighborhood.

Look for Ethel Edwards' transition into retirement to be a smooth one. "This job was a part of my life, not *all* of my life," she says firmly. "It isn't good for people to focus too much on one thing. I may not have a lot of hobbies, but I have plenty to do. And I am blessed because I have my church, my friends, and my family."

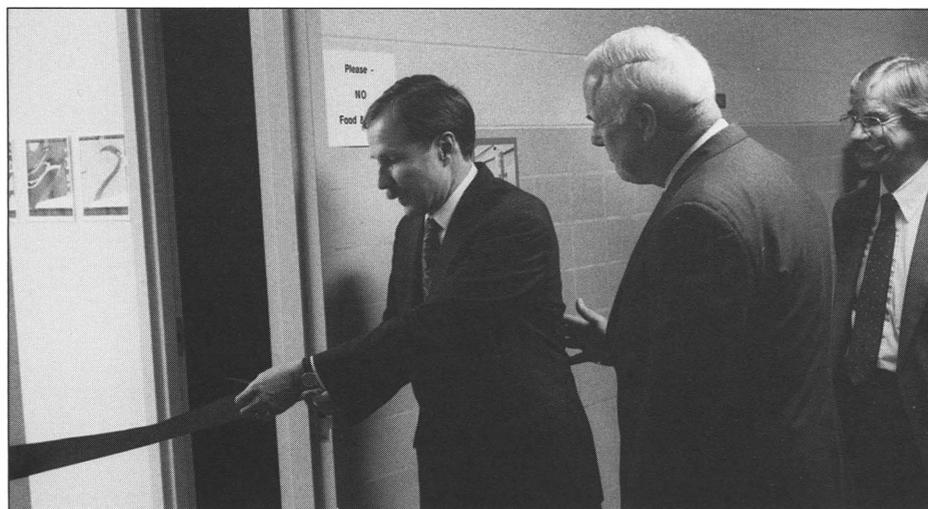
# World Class Lab Becomes Part of Premier IUPUI Research Center

*(Thanks to support  
from ortho grads)*

Some 100 guests including many of IU's orthodontic graduates crowded into a narrow hallway on the second floor of the School of Dentistry in November to hear IUPUI Chancellor Gerald L. Bepko's words of thanks during dedication ceremonies of the Biomechanics Research Laboratory.

The laboratory is one component of IUPUI's new Biomechanics and Biomaterials Research Center, a collaborative effort of the schools of dentistry, engineering and technology, medicine, and science, and the first such center of its kind. Coordinated by Dr. George K. Stookey, IUSD associate dean for research, the center was established in 1990 with an initial three-year investment of about \$2.5 million from IU's Research Investment Fund. These funds are being used to acquire state-of-the-art research instruments and equipment for various laboratories on campus that will play a part in the center's research projects.

To build the Biomechanics Research Laboratory at the dental school site, additional funds were needed to renovate an area adjacent to the Department of Orthodontic's bone research laboratory, where another of the center's research teams is located.



Photos by Mike Halloran

*After addressing the audience Chancellor Bepko (left) makes the first snip in a bright red ribbon stretching across the entranceway of the Biomechanics Research Laboratory. Waiting their turn with the scissors are Dr. H. William Gilmore, dean of dentistry (center), and Dr. George K. Stookey, IUSD associate dean for research and coordinator of the IUPUI Biomechanics and Biomaterials Research Center. Not pictured is the fourth and final ribbon cutter, Dr. W. Eugene Roberts, chair of orthodontics.*

An appeal to graduates of IU's orthodontic program for donations to be used in renovating the facility generated a tremendous response. The highly successful campaign prompted contributions from more than half of the school's former orthodontic students.

After a welcome from dental Dean H. William Gilmore and remarks from Chancellor Bepko, a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the Chancellor officially opened the laboratory. Faculty and staff assigned to the new laboratory (which is actually a cluster of small offices and two large laboratory areas) were on hand to conduct tours, demonstrate equipment and answer questions. The facility has two entrances, one from the hallway and one connecting it to the bone research laboratory.

Center researchers will employ technology long associated with engineering studies but relatively new to dentistry and medicine. The laboratory's centerpiece is a Material Testing System costing \$250,000. The MTS will aid researchers in understanding the manner in which bone, ligaments, and joints

*Dr. Jie Chen (left) and Dr. Thomas Katona, who are each jointly appointed as an assistant professor of orthodontics at the School of Dentistry and of mechanical engineering at the School of Engineering and Technology, describe to persons attending the dedication some of the capabilities of the new Material Testing System.*

respond to mechanical forces. Correcting dental and orthopedic deformities will be important applications of the work to be undertaken here.

Dr. Thomas Katona and Dr. Jie Chen, orthodontic faculty members jointly appointed in the School of Engineering and Technology's Department of Mechanical Engineering, will serve as the key operators of the Material Testing System.

Several other faculty teams anchored at the dental school will be involved with the center's research, including Drs. Eugene Roberts and Gordon Arbuckle, orthodontics; Drs. Lawrence Garetto and Kirt Simmons, bone research laboratory; Drs. B. Keith Moore and Yoshiki Oshida, dental materials; and Dr. Yiming Li, cell culture laboratory, a division of the Oral Health Research Institute.

## Saying So Long to Sarah

*Longtime student affairs secretary Sarah C. Manion retires.*

Sarah England didn't need a job at the School of Dentistry.

As a student at Arsenal Technical High School she already had a good part-time spot clerking at Murphy's dime store for seven dimes and one nickel an hour. The new job site hadn't yet passed inspection by her mother, either, who sent Sarah's brother along on the interview to check the place over.

But when the dental school offered the teenager three hours a day for \$1.25 an hour in October, 1958, Sarah not only took it, she wound up sticking by it (going full-time after graduation), staying with it (after marrying Lynn Manion), returning to it (after she and Lynn moved back to Indiana in the mid-60s following a two-year stay on an Army base in El Paso), and retiring from it (on January 3, 1992, just a few days after her husband's retirement from Indiana Bell).

Most IUSD graduates associate Sarah Manion with the Office of Student Affairs, where she served as administrative secretary for the past 23 years; but she got her start in the dean's office during Dr. Maynard K. Hine's tenure as dean and also served for a time as secretary to Dr. Harry Healey, who chaired endodontics in the 1960s. The professionalism of the people she met in those early years left a lasting impression. "Three very fine ladies in the dean's office—Cleona Harvey, Ruth Chilton, and Clara Benefiel—taught me to pay attention to details and to respect the confidentiality of student records," Sarah says. "Mrs. Harvey, the dean's assistant, didn't allow me even to answer questions at the counter or pick up the telephone in the beginning. The image of the school was at stake as far as she was concerned" until new employees were thoroughly trained.

People with dental school ties that don't reach back quite as far as Sarah's often mistakenly assume she is a sister of Sandra Manion, another longtime IUSD employee who started out in the dean's office. Truth is, Sandy and Sarah became great chums after they met at their jobs; Sandy introduced Sarah to a cousin, Lynn Manion, and the two were



Mike Holloway

*Sarah and Lynn Manion greeted guests at a school party held in honor of Sarah's retirement.*

married in 1965.

Sarah remains close to Sandy and laughs over their many escapades together in the dean's office under the watchful eye of the not-always-amused Mrs. Harvey, whose advice to the young ladies was: "Conduct yourself like Ceasar's wife—above reproach."

This was not always possible. When they accidentally dropped Dean Hine's Hawaiian torte birthday cake in the Union Building's bookstore, they smoothed out the icing with their fingers until the cake looked servable. "Mrs. Chilton laughed," says Sarah. "But sometimes Mrs. Harvey didn't quite know how to take us."

Sarah's most painful memory on the job relates to her feet. She once spent all morning standing in very high heels while gathering addresses from the ADA directory. "No sooner had I mentioned to Sandy that my feet were absolutely killing me than Mrs. Chilton asked me to make an emergency run—literally—to the bookstore across the street to pick up a package for Dr. Hine. I had just 10 minutes because he was leaving to catch a plane. And this was way before women started keeping tennis shoes at work." If it is possible to hobble and dash at the same time, Sarah managed it. Dean Hine did not board his plane packageless.

It was her brief stint at a job in El Paso that helped Sarah gain insight into the value of her job at the dental school. "I dealt with retirement records for a gas company, and in all the time I worked there I never saw the faces of the people I worked 'with,' only their records. It was unbelievable." Her job in records at the dental school has been anything but shy of faces. "I've enjoyed being with

the students—people don't often realize how much pressure they're under. Going for your dental degree is like having a round-the-clock job—you're in school all day and then you spend half the night studying or doing lab work. And yet, when I talk with employees at the bursar's, the registrar's, and at student health services, they always remark on how dental students are the nicest to work with." The key to running a successful student office, says Sarah, is to enforce rules and make sure the same rules apply to everybody.

Sarah feels fortunate to have worked for more than 20 years with Dr. Robert Bogan, the school's first associate dean for student affairs whose retirement a year and a half ago led to the appointment of, in Sarah's opinion, "another great boss"—Dr. Hala Henderson.

Of all her other associates at the school she says, "I've never met a group of friendlier people—they're the best in the world. I've loved every minute of being here."

As part of her sendoff, a group of students and employees packed Sarah and her husband into a rented black limo and escorted them on a late-night cruise around Indianapolis. Notorious in the city for being a tad less sleek than other models, this limo is dwarfed by an enormous but perky plastic chicken head balancing on its roof.

Not the mode of transportation that Mrs. Harvey, or Ceasar's wife, would have chosen for Sarah's farewell ride, perhaps, but one that in Sarah's opinion best put the cap on a job that gave her much pleasure and many rewards.

# An Act of Faith

Dr. Thomas R. Shoemaker leaves one helping profession to enter another.

BY SUSAN CRUM

**H**e surprised his parents. He surprised his girlfriend.

More than anyone, Dr. Thomas Shoemaker surprised himself.

After studying dentistry at Indiana University for four years (DDS '83), completing a one-year residency at the V.A. hospital in Indianapolis, and setting up a general dentistry practice in Kendallville, Indiana, Dr. Shoemaker, at the age of 27, asked himself one of life's Big Questions. He then left his dental practice and began to study for the priesthood, devoting the next five years to answering it.

"Had you suggested even six months earlier that this would happen to me, I would have laughed," says the former dentist and recently ordained Roman Catholic priest now serving parishioners at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. "I had no clues."

The decision, although abrupt, was not based on dissatisfaction or disillusionment with dentistry. "I had been practicing in Kendallville for about six months and was really enjoying it," he explains. He had leased the practice of Dr. Charles Radcliffe, Jr. ('47), now retired. "I enjoyed working with people and being able to help them. I had more business than I could handle, and it was a good life. But, at 27, I was feeling as if I had achieved most of what had been my goals in life. I had always pictured becoming a dentist, having my own private practice in a small town, living in a nice home in the suburbs, and having a wife and three kids. I didn't have the wife and three kids yet, but I was dating a girl pretty seriously at the time.

"It just kind of hit me," he continues. "There I was—and there I was going to be for the next 50 years. That's when I began asking the questions: Should there be more than this? Is there more I should be doing with my life? Once I started asking, the answer came quickly. Somewhere between my thinking and God speaking, it came to me that I should pursue a religious vocation."

**T**om Shoemaker grew up in Gas City, Indiana, the middle child in a family with three boys. Tom's dad, Richard, practiced family medicine in town and his mom, Alice, was a homemaker. (His parents now reside in Lafayette, where Dr. Shoemaker works in a hospital emergency room and Mrs. Shoemaker is a hospital volunteer.)

Father Shoemaker attributes his awakening to dentistry at age 12 to several factors. "My favorite TV show at the time

was *The Chimp and Me*," he says with a laugh. "It featured a young dentist who had a beautiful family, a beautiful little house in the suburbs, and a pet monkey. It may be a coincidence, but that's about when I decided dentistry was for me."

Young Tom also liked and admired his family's dentist, Dr. Philip J. Catey ('64), and he saw dentistry as similar to his father's profession in that it offered the opportunity to serve people while maintaining a nice lifestyle. "But it seemed that dentists had the advantage of not having to make too many life-and-death decisions or night-time house calls," Father Shoemaker adds.

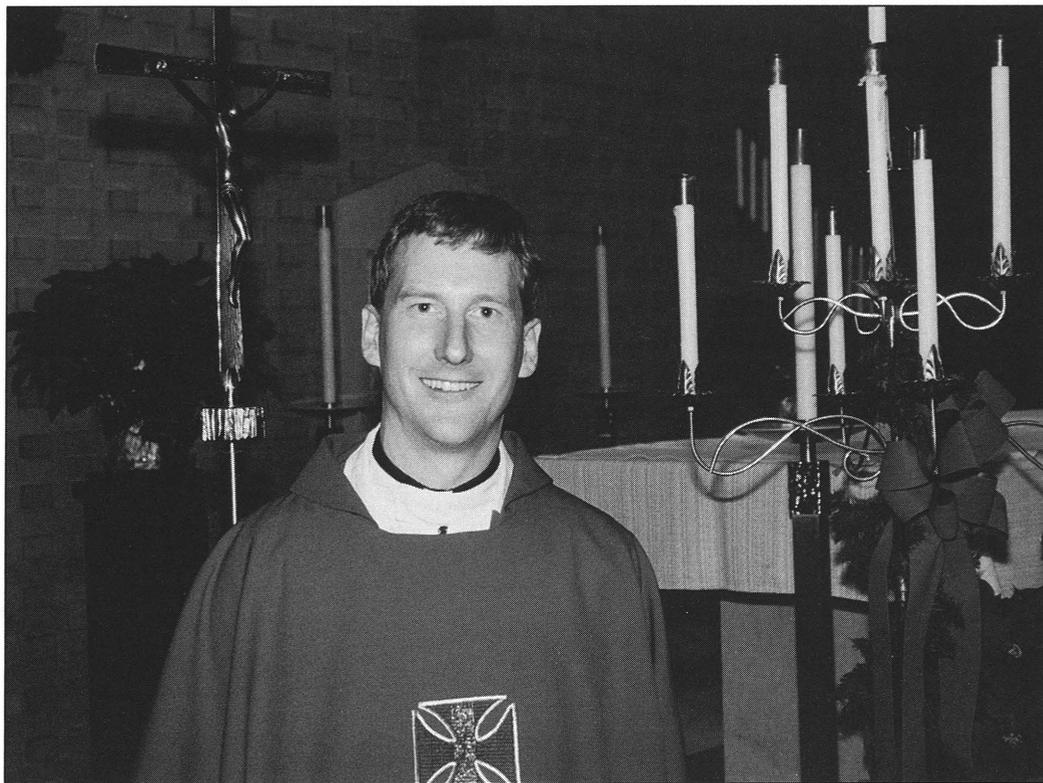
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Interest in dentistry wavered once, midway through baccalaureate training at Wabash College, when Tom looked into doctoral programs in biology. "I finally decided I didn't want the kind of profession where, 20 years down the line, I would say to myself, 'O.K., I isolated an enzyme.' What I wanted was to be able to come home at the end of each work day and say, 'I did something good for somebody.'"

After startling himself with the realization that he wanted to be a priest, the dentist went

home to share the news with his family. "It knocked them over," Father Shoemaker admits. "The decision was made so fast and my family and friends didn't have any idea it was coming. It was a shock, but nobody tried to talk me out of it." One of his brothers is a physician in Champaign, Illinois, and the other a dental graduate of Case Western Reserve University practicing pediatric dentistry in Middletown, Connecticut. Tom even managed to part on friendly terms with his former girlfriend, who eventually married another man.

Like anyone wishing to be considered for the priesthood, Dr. Shoemaker spent the next few months facing up to a rigorous application process, sitting for interviews and taking a



*Thomas Shoemaker's clinic jacket has given way to a clerical collar, and his title of 'Doctor' to the title of 'Father.' As a recently ordained Roman Catholic priest, he believes one of the greatest challenges ahead of him lies in motivating parishioners to step back from the small details of daily life long enough to look at life's 'big picture.' "The ability to see life in its bigger perspective, its fullness, is in large part what that word 'faith' is all about," he says.*

battery of psychological examinations. He was accepted into the Master of Divinity program at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts, in 1985.

Dr. Shoemaker soon found that the big decision he thought he had totally come to terms with back in Kendallville was actually a decision in its earliest embryonic stages. "It became a five-year process of prayer and discernment, both on my part and on the part of the church," he explains. In seminary school his commitment to the priesthood was challenged daily—in his own mind as well as by the church. "Until the last day of school I could have said, 'This isn't for me,' or the church could have said, 'This isn't for you.'"

**A**s it turned out, the church's and Thomas Shoemaker's thoughts on the matter were in sync. He and 19 other men (about two-thirds of the starting class) composed St. John's graduating Class of 1990. (The typical four-year program took Dr. Shoemaker five since his pre-dent biology major didn't go far in fulfilling all of the philosophy classes that are prerequisites to the master's degree courses.)

He was assigned to the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, where he served for 10 months as a deacon at St. Michael's Church in Plymouth. On November 10, 1990, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at St. Matthew Cathedral, where he was then reassigned.

It is now two days past Christmas in 1991—an ideal time to visit the father, we are told, because the holiday pace at the St. Matthew rectory will have slowed down. Judging from the non-stop ringing of the telephone and chiming of the doorbell during the interview, however, we wonder what the rectory must be like when it's considered *busy*. Father Shoemaker, together with another priest and a bishop, oversees a parish with about 4,000 members. The priests take over the rectory's phone and door duty after the secretaries go home in

the evenings.

We can't help but remind Father Shoemaker that for a person who originally chose dentistry over medicine because of the relatively routine hours and few occasions for making life-and-death decisions, he now spends his life discussing life and death issues in a round-the-clock environment where people are just as welcome to ring the doorbell at 3 in the morning as they are at 3 in the afternoon. He laughs, acknowledges the irony, but clearly is delighted at the choices he has made.

"It's a good life," he says, glancing about his rectory office while listening to the steady hum of activity down the hallway. "I'm right at the center of the things that really count, dealing with the biggest questions we have in life about who we are, how we ought to be living our lives, where we are

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headed. And hopefully I'm pointing other people in the direction of things that really count."

His demanding schedule calls for much more than an ability to point. During a typical week he celebrates one mass daily and one or two of the five masses at St. Matthew's on Sundays. For each mass he must also write an original homily, including one on Sunday to which he devotes several

hours of preparation. In addition to baptisms, weddings, wake services, and funerals, he listens to confessions; makes house calls (taking communion to some 25 house-bound parishioners); teaches four religion classes at St. Matthew elementary school, located on church grounds; supports extracurricular school activities (rallying as often as possible behind the young athletes during their wrestling matches, volleyball, soccer, and basketball games played by at least a dozen teams); visits the hospitals daily; lines up servers from the congregation to assist in the church's many ceremonies and masses; supervises a youth group; conducts counseling sessions (couples planning to marry schedule seven one-hour sessions with the priest before they head down the aisle); advises persons interested in joining the church; attends myriad school and church social functions; keeps up on his professional meetings; and tackles a mound of paperwork associated with all of the above.

What little time of the day remains, Father Shoemaker spends in prayer.

Having now completed a full year's cycle as a priest, Father Shoemaker finds that he is especially fond of working with and serving as a role model for the younger children in the parish, whom he enjoys for their honesty and simplicity. Most of the parishioners are aware of his former career, and a few have approached the altar after mass to ask the priest to "take a look" at a tooth problem. (His own dentist is parishioner Dr. Gerald Warrell {'80}.)

**A**lthough he resists performing dentistry by the light of the cathedral's candles, Father Shoemaker is hopeful that his schedule will eventually permit him to use the important set of skills he worked so hard to develop during four years at the dental school. "I did some volunteer work as a dentist at the Matthew 25 clinic in Fort Wayne when I was assigned to a parish there one summer as part of my seminary training," he says. Having observed the critical unavailability of dentists in parts of Tanzania during a trip to Africa a few years ago, Father Shoemaker says he would like someday to try his hand at missionary dentistry. For now, however, he must concentrate on learning all the ropes of being a good parish priest. "Dentistry must take second place now. Here we have a bigger shortage of priests than of dentists."

According to an article in the *South Bend Tribune*, the

***Father Shoemaker sees many similarities between life as a dentist and life as a priest. "Both do their best to help other people improve their lives."***

Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese (of the five dioceses in Indiana) ordained just 22 priests from 1980 to 1989. Father Shoemaker, who reports at least one other diocesan priest in the country is also a dentist, expects to remain permanently within the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese, although it is customary for the church to move priests to a new parish within the same diocese every five or six years. Already very involved in the lives of his parishioners, Father Shoemaker is aware of the dangers of becoming too attached to any one congregation. "It's one of the hardest aspects of the priesthood—getting to know people, getting involved in the community, and then moving away." Retirement age for priests is 75, although it's not mandatory.

Father Shoemaker sees many similarities between life as a dentist and life as a priest. "Both do their best to help other people improve their lives—one through physical health and the other through spiritual health," he says. "Both are often feared at first and must be able to put people at ease. Dentistry is much more than a 9 to 5 job—dentists have to be good role models within the community. Like the priesthood, it's a whole lifestyle dedicated to helping other people."

While unused dental instruments and manual dexterity may one day turn rusty, Father Shoemaker is confident that many important skills learned at chairside will remain sharp. "The most rewarding thing possible," he says, is gaining the trust of little children who are scared of the dentist. "You joke around with them, put them at ease. By the time they leave, they've had a good time *and* had their teeth fixed."

Father Shoemaker recalls one of his most fulfilling days on his old job. A man came in with a toothache. He was so upset he was crying. Although the tooth had to go, Dr. Shoemaker managed to get the fellow relaxed and the tooth removed within a few minutes. Before the patient knew it, everything was fine and he was ready to depart for home. The experience led the patient to happily conclude, as so many initially wary dental patients have before him, "Well! *That* wasn't so bad."

We are curious to know what soothing words of wisdom this dentist/future priest applied to the situation to calm down and win over a troubled patient.

Father Shoemaker pauses a moment, then flashes a smile. "I don't think it was anything I said," he says in a voice rich with honesty and a sense of humor—traits valued by patients and parishioners alike. "I think it was the anesthetic."



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We are doing our best to make this year's conference a relaxed fall weekend in Bloomington to renew friendships and acquaintances, and to learn the latest updates in the field of dentistry.

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